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Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.
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20	100	332	738
39	155	354	784
72	205	396	693
92	325	514	712

Holders of above numbered Debentures may, upon giving notice to the Treasurers waiving the six months' notice to which they are entitled, apply on the 31st October, 1939, to the Treasurers, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, for payment of the principal and interest to the 31st October, 1939. The Treasurers should be informed on or before Monday, the 30th October, 1939.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that Debentures numbered as above which are not cashed on the 31st October, 1939, will be paid on the 30th April, 1940, after which date they will cease to bear interest.

By Order of the Committee,

A. K. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th October, 1939.

FOR MANILA CONSUL
Hongkong-Built Yawl Soon
To be Launched

A sturdy 38 ft. yawl, which, when completed, will be sailed to Manila by a crew of young Hongkong men, will be launched within a few days at Chean Lee and Company's shipyard, Cheungshan. It is being built as a pleasure craft for Mr. A. Carmelo, Mexican Consul in Manila.

Mr. Carmelo, who holds a Master's ticket for ships up to 100 tons and who is a skilled artist in seascape painting and model ship construction, will arrive by Clipper this week for the launching.

Construction of the craft began in mid-May, but delay in the arrival of accessories from America has put the launching back about three weeks. She will be a vessel of from 16 to 17 tons weight with a beam of 9 ft. 9 1/2 ins. Her yawl rigging will provide for seven sails, with a total canvas spread of almost 1,000 square feet. She will have an auxiliary in the form of a Gray Sea Scout 4-cylinder petrol motor.

Sleeping Space for Six

She has been built of teak throughout and all the rigging is of stainless, corrosion-resistant steel. Designed by Mr. W. F. McNary, American naval architect, she will have comfortable sleeping space for six, with an additional bunk for a Chinese boy, if desired. A Johnson Iron Horse Generator will provide power for electric lighting and a radio receiver. Mr. E. S. Moses, N. S. Moses and Company Ltd., has supervised the building and he will be one of the crew on the journey to Manila. Mr. L. Stagg will be navigator and Messrs. E. Lammer and Moller will complete the crew. A Chinese boy to serve Mr. Carmelo may also be taken.

Women's Land Army
Now Totals 14,000

HUNDREDS of recruits have enrolled in the Women's Land Army.

REGIMENTAL BROOCHES

"Many of the volunteers," said Mrs. Walter Elliot, "are office workers and they include stenographers, typists, factory hands and women of independent means."

"There has been a great rush," she added, "but we are open for still more."

Mrs. Elliot, wife of the Minister of Health is chairman of the London Committee.



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HELD NAZIS HAVE
APPEAL RIGHT

OF the 50,000 enemy aliens in Britain only a few hundred have been arrested for reasons of national security. But soon even these will have the right to appeal against internment to a central legal tribunal to be set up by Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary.

This is the Home Office's reply to a German News Bulletin, recently, which stated that Germans in the United Kingdom were being arrested and their property confiscated.

The reason for the "easy action" against aliens is that the Home Office is confident that the machinery which they have prepared to deal with this problem will work quickly and smoothly.

At present Germans are free to leave Britain under the same conditions that apply to British subjects. That is, they need only obtain an exit permit which, in the absence of special reasons, they can obtain without difficulty.

The round-up of aliens between 1914 and 1917 proved a long task. The Home Office have the names and particulars of almost every enemy alien in the country. There are more than 50,000 German subjects—not including children—at present in Britain, but more than 35,000 are refugees from the Nazi terror.

35,000 REFUGEES

The Home Office are well aware of the problem of spies who have come to England posing as refugees, but they are preparing to deal with every case individually and as fairly as possible.

One hundred independent tribunals of a legal character will be set up throughout the country to examine the cases. These will not be military tribunals. They will sit in areas where there is a large refugee population—principally in the south of England and in towns along the East Coast.

As the aliens appear before the local tribunals they will be asked how they came into the country, and to declare their sympathies. The tribunals will also consider whether they will make good citizens and also what help they could give in national service.

If the local tribunal decide upon internment, each case will have the individual right to appeal to the central tribunal to be set up to advise the Home Secretary.

PARIS IS STILL
GAY—TILL 11 P.M.

PARIS. Most Paris cinemas are shut, but some are expected to reopen soon—mostly with English films.

Paris has jumped into its war-time stride. For a few days the general mobilisation meant the shutting down of all big restaurants and many of the bars, the closing of theatres and cinemas, the sudden halting of the gay social round.

But restrictions are already being relaxed. Restaurants which had to close because all their waiters and chefs were rushed into the army are reopening with staffs of older men. The only difference in this new kind of Paris night life is that it ends suddenly and definitely at 11 o'clock.

The after-midnight party has gone to sleep for "the duration."

"CONCERT ENGLISH"

The Folies Bergere and Casino de Paris are shut for the moment. But there is hope that they will be reopened by the time the troops come back on the first away-from-the-front leave.

All the old-time artists, people who have long since retired and never expected to strut the stage again, are being rounded up. There is a big demand for comedians who can imitate Hitler.

All these artists who, within the next few months, will be needed for France's war-time concert parties are being advised to brush up their English.

Hotel Charges 2/6 For Black-Out

WHEN a man who had been a guest at the Dorset Square Hotel, W., was presented with his bill recently he stared hard at an item: "To black-out expenses, 2s. 6d."

But he paid.

If he were to apply at the hotel to-day the half-crown will be refunded. The proprietor of the hotel, Mr. G. Burlingham, apologised when his attention was called to the extra charge.

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Big Industrialist Coming Here

A distinguished Indian industrial and commercial magnate in the person of Mr. Walchand Hirchandani will be arriving in the Colony on Wednesday afternoon by Clipper from America, accompanied by Mrs. Walchand and Mr. K. J. Advani.

MAUVE TAXIS

For years they have had in Paris yellow taxis, red taxis, green taxis, and cream taxis. And recently there were two or three in bright mauve.

So far there is little sign of profiteering. Three soldiers just mobilised asked a taxi-driver to drive them to the station. He said: "I'd prefer to wait for someone who will pay me more money." That driver is now in hospital.

Shopkeepers are competing with each other to find the most striking way of plastering strips of paper to their plate-glass windows.

Most of the small shops, instead of trying to think out some original line for the autumn, are hard at work making clothing for the troops.

One leading designer said: "I am concentrating on devising what I call an air raid suit for women. It will be a simple costume with zip fasteners which will enable the ordinary woman who is woken up by the alarms to dress in two minutes and still look her best."

Paris, war or no war, is still a bright place.

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Mr. Walchand recently attended the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce at Amsterdam, of whose committee, he is a member. From Amsterdam he went to America to visit the New York World Fair, and is now returning home via the Far East. Amongst other things, Mr. Walchand is Chairman of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, formerly Employers—Delegate from India to the Labour Conference, Geneva, and President of several other Chambers of Commerce in Bombay and elsewhere.

He is also a Director in about 50 Companies, including shipping, insurance, banking, steel works, construction companies, cotton mills etc., chairman of about a dozen of them.

GERMAN WARSHIP
SUNK IN RUNNING
BATTLE

(Continued from Page 1.)

they knew nothing regarding the casualties.

In London, Naval circles ridiculed the reports regarding the Repulse, branding them as "further piece of German propaganda."

"Severely Damaged"

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (UP).—The High Command told the "United Press" that the amended communique regarding the Repulse was not an indication of weakening the original claim.

They said: "If anything, it is more strongly worded. The fact that the ship was torpedoed means it was severely damaged."

One Ship Attacks Three

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—A ship was seen firing on three other ships, according to the "Aftonbladet."

One ship was hit and observers saw spectators report clouds of smoke ascending from it.

Amended Version

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The German version of the H.M.S. Repulse was later amended to the following: "The High Command of the German Navy announces that the U-boat which sank the Royal Oak, attacked and torpedoed the battleship Repulse."

No mention was made in the amended version of having "badly damaged and disabled" the Repulse, which incidentally is a battle cruiser and not a battleship.

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Recruiting for Women's
Land Army

RECRUITS for the Women's Land Army have been pouring in. About 9,000 young women are enrolled as applicants, and several hundred more volunteers are awaiting interviews.

A moving spirit in the Land Army is Lady Denham. At present she attends the headquarters in Smith-square, and gives her decision on various questions that arise.

Mrs. Walter Elliot was missing from the recruiting bureau of the Land Army for a while one day. She was at Radiolympia being televised in connection with the recruiting campaign.

INTENSIVE COURSE

ABOUT 50,000 volunteers for the Land Army are aimed at. Members are not receiving training as yet, but in a state of emergency those who have no knowledge of farm work will be sent for training to different institutes and colleges all over the country.

A month's intensive training is considered sufficient even for those with no experience whatever.

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Everywhere, in fact, women were keen in offering their service, and there was a healthy absence of middle and excitement.

QUEEN PAYS VISIT

WHEN the Queen visited the Black Watch Memorial Home at Dunblaine she wore the Black Watch regimental badge pinned to the lapel of her coat. These jewelled regimental brooches are extremely popular now that so many women have either a husband or near relative doing some kind of military service.

Jewellers treat the design of these brooches from an artistic standpoint as well as making sure they are heraldically correct. Being made of really precious stones these brooches are as suitable for wear with formal attire and evening clothes as with tweed suits and costumes.

WITH TAILORED SUIT

THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER wears a regimental brooch with a simply-tailored suit. Many regimental brooches are symbols of some famous battle or historical legend. The brooch of the Guards battalions, for instance, which appears in the modern badge as a cluster of diamonds, is a reminder of the days when the Guards carried hand grenades.

The only regiment with two badges is the Gloucestershires. One badge is worn in front of the cap and one behind.

Regimental badges are also fastened in the corner of cigarette cases and flat gold evening bags. They are smaller than the brooches, and are often combined with initials and monogram made of platinum and tiny diamonds.

AT OSTERLEY PARK

ART treasures now being consigned in places of safety against the risk of damage are not the only ones that have to be protected.

Lord Jersey has made interesting experiments at Osterley Park, his fine Middlesex mansion, in the use of transparent plastic for the protection of rare pieces of valuable furniture.

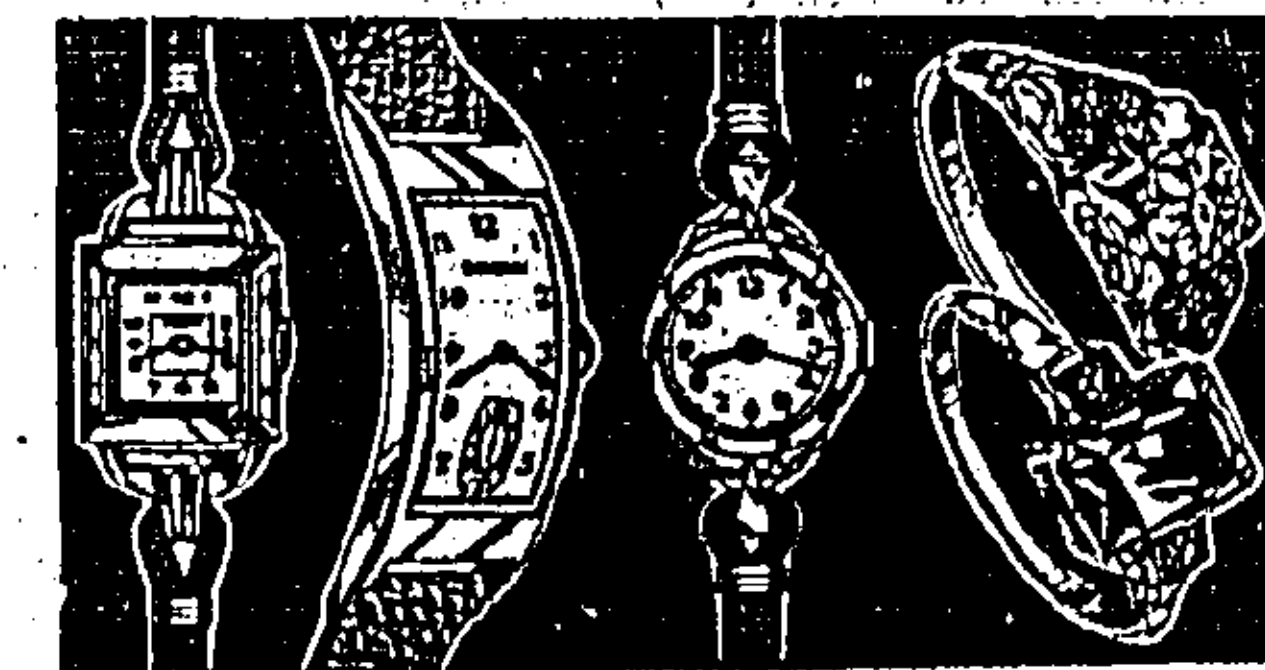
The house is open to the public on certain days of the week and glass, like plastic material is used to cover the entire front of Adam console tables, open-fronted book-shelves, and other pieces. The idea is to save them from finger-marks and any damage that might be done unintentionally as visitors move along.

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Calcutta and Straits Oct. 17.
Japan and Shanghai Oct. 17.
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Shanghai and Amoy Oct. 17.
Straits Oct. 17.

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 11th October.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways"—San Francisco date, 12th October.

Formosa Oct. 18.
Haiphong and Pakhoi Oct. 18.
Haiphong, Pakhoi, Hoihow and Fort Bayard Oct. 18.
Java and Manila Oct. 18.
Japan and Shanghai Oct. 18.
Manila Oct. 18.
Sandaikan Oct. 18.
Shanghai Oct. 18.
Straits and Saigon Oct. 18.
Shanghai Oct. 18.

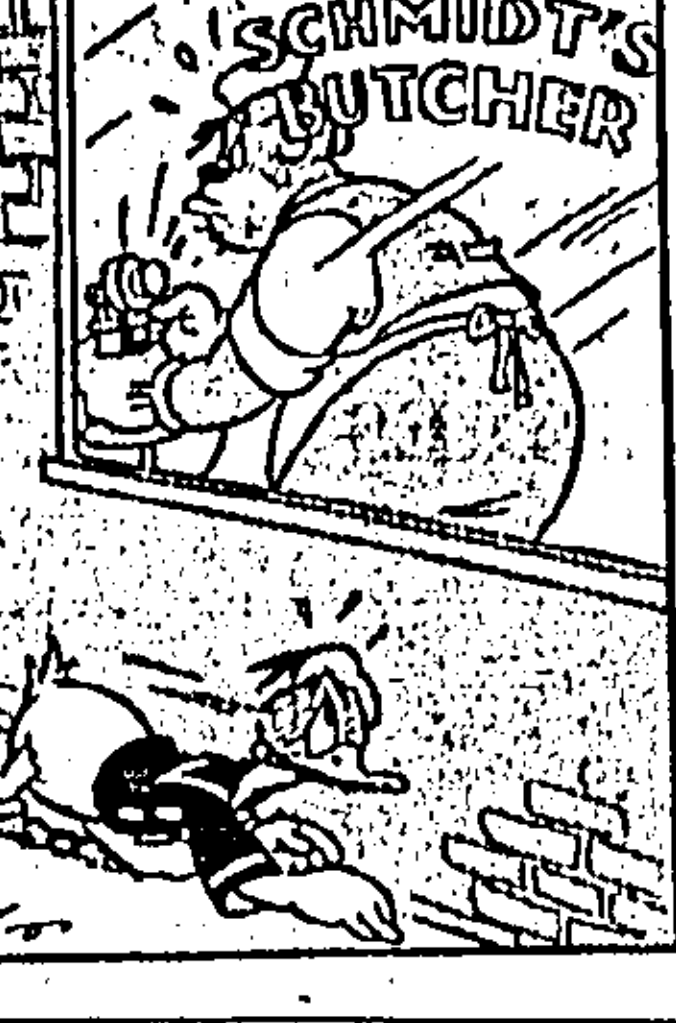
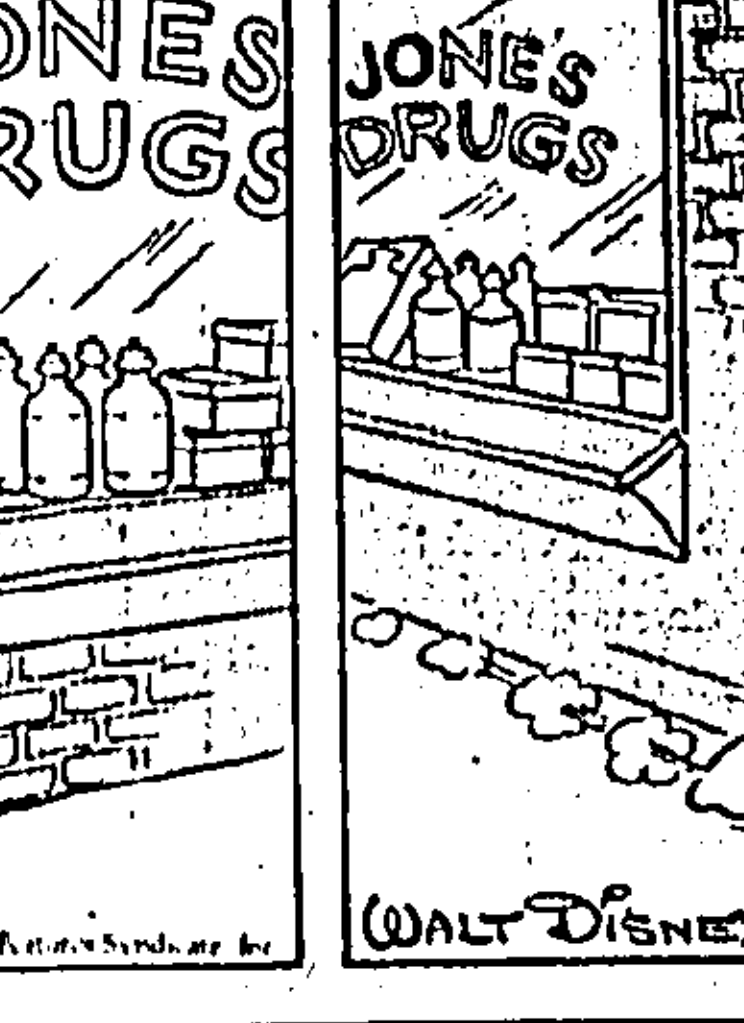
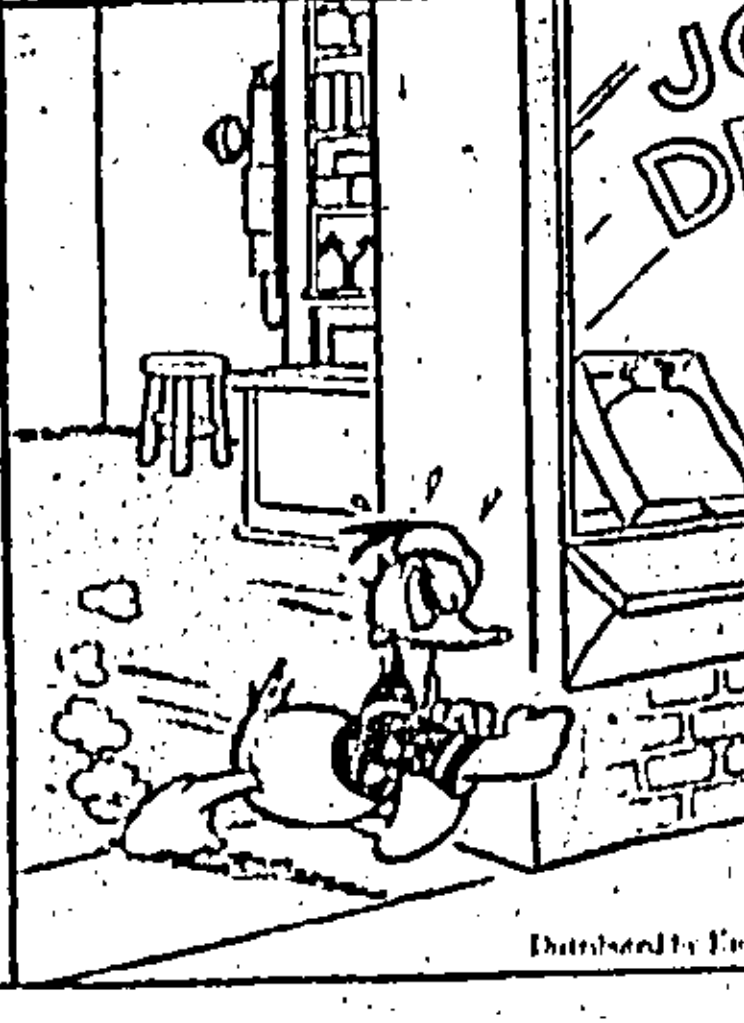
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Haiphong Oct. 18.
Japan and Shanghai Oct. 18.
Australia and Manila Oct. 19.
Japan Oct. 19.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane Oct. 20.

Japan, Shanghai & Formosa Oct. 20.
Shanghai Oct. 20.
Manila Oct. 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 11th Oct. Oct. 21.

Shanghai Oct. 21.
Straits Oct. 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 14th October.

Haiphong and Pakhoi Oct. 22.
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TURKEY'S REFUSAL TO DESERT DEMOCRATIC ALLIES

REICH'S HARD BARGAIN

There is considerable speculation regarding Germany's next move. While concentrations of troops behind the Western Front appear to indicate readiness for a big push, observers state that Hitler is hesitating over an expensive drive and may delay until Spring, meanwhile launching a new peace offensive.

In this regard a new set of peace proposals granting greater concessions but with added demands is said to have been formulated.

It is suggested that the German evacuation of Baltic countries is the result of a Russo-German agreement whereby Hitler was forced to relinquish all German holdings in return for a grant of Russian gold.

A fourth and unpublished requirement made on Finland by the Soviet is the reason for the return of the Finnish envoy home from the negotiations conducted in Moscow. It is stated that a decision must be made in Finland before the talks, which have only been interrupted, are resumed.

The temporary suspension of the Russo-Turkish talks is said to be the result of Turkey's refusal to go back on her agreements with the Democracies in order to comply with Soviet demands.

German reports state that conversations with the Soviet Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, will be held in Berlin pursuant to the Allies' rejection of peace proposals made by Herr Hitler.

The Turkish Foreign Minister is meeting the Rumanian Foreign Minister on his way back to Turkey from Moscow where an undisclosed agreement is said to have been reached affecting the Dardanelles and Turkey's interests in Balkan tranquillity.

This was a severe blow to the Finnish Nazis, who have always expected that Germany would intervene on their behalf at some future date.—*Reuter*

Negotiations Hang Fire
Helsinki, Oct. 16.
Informed quarters do not expect any immediate change in the situation.

M. Paasikivi, Finnish delegate, will return to Moscow after several days, with the necessary instructions. It is assumed that the meeting of the Scandinavian Kings at Stockholm will play an immense part in further developments.

Arrangements for the protection of civilians and property are being pushed on with the utmost speed. Trains, thousands of lorries and horse carts are being made ready for an emergency.

Food is plentiful but the people have been warned against the excessive use of water. Passenger boats are avoiding the Aaland Islands in their tours between Sweden and Finland.—*United Press*

German Evacuation Plan?
Copenhagen, Oct. 16.

Finland's preparations for an emergency are proceeding unabated, according to Danish correspondents at Helsinki. Valuables are still being feverishly removed from Helsinki shops, which are sending all their reserves to the country.

Finland is expected soon to have 500,000 men in the army. It is said at Helsinki that Molotov told Ribbentrop when in Moscow that all Germans must leave Finland and that Ribbentrop agreed.—*Reuter*

STRAITS BUDGET

No Extra Taxation Despite War

Singapore, Oct. 16.
Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements approved the draft Budget for 1940. The Financial Secretary stated that the financial position of the Settlements was very strong and that no extra taxation would be levied.

Any unforeseen expenditure as a result of the European war would be met without any strain on the finances of the Settlements, so that the Council unanimously passed a vote of loyalty to the Crown.

The Government announces that British subjects and British protected citizens would be liable to be called up for combatant service with the volunteers.—*Reuter Bulletin*

Vote Supported
Singapore, Oct. 16.

It was announced in the Legislative Council to-day that the Colonial Office has approved the enactment of legislation imposing a liability for combatant service on British and also protected subjects in the Colony.

The Chinese, Indian, Malay and Eurasian members supported the resolution of loyalty to the Crown. There will be no extra taxation in the 1940 budget.—*United Press*

NEED FOR RELIEF

Work of Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association

The necessity for carrying on medical relief and refugee work during the Japanese invasion, both in the occupied and unoccupied areas, was stressed at the annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association, held in the Cathedral Hall last night.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall presided, and among those present were the Very Rev. Dean Wilson, the Rev. H. Wittenbach, and Mrs. W. K. Cheung, Principal of Heep Yunn School.

The Very Rev. Dean Wilson welcomed back Bishop Hall from short leave and congratulated him on the honour conferred upon him by the Chinese Government.

The Rev. H. Wittenbach, of the Church Missionary Society, who has been carrying out refugee work in the Shensi area gave an outline of conditions in occupied and unoccupied areas.

"As long as the Japanese invasion continues there will be a large amount of relief work to do," he said.

This Diocese started a system of rural reconstruction in an area between here and Canton. Various methods were tried, including breeding of goats, pigs and raising of chickens in order to improve livestock, while experiments were carried out with co-operatives," he said.

Need Increases

This plan, however, had been stopped by the war and now the need was greater than ever. The Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association had been contributing \$1,000 a year to this work.

The Rev. Wittenbach pointed out that 100 years ago there were no large Chinese cities and families living on and off the land. Gradually the drive for modernisation and the appeal of employment drew the wealthy to the cities. This had resulted in high taxes and the impoverishment of people up-country.

Bishop Hall gave an account of the fine work being done by the new hospital in Kiating. It was now run by Chinese under the supervision of a Chinese doctor who had been trained at Guy's Hospital. Although it still was supported by an annual grant of \$5,000 from Home it was nearly independent.

The hospital he said, had a special ward for casualties from the Chinese Air Force training school in Kwangsi. European missionaries in Kwangsi had told him of the marvellous courage of the Chinese Police, who remained behind during air raids to clear the people out of the towns. He exhorted everyone to pray for the missionaries carrying out their work under the continual menace of air raids.

Chinese Churches

In a short address on the evangelistic work of Chinese churches in Hongkong, the Rev. Tso, Vicar of St. Paul's, pointed out the difficulty of extending the Gospel to the Chinese in the Colony.

"One type of Chinese most conservative is the old merchant. Another type most difficult to Christianise is the newly returned students. We do not know how to approach them," he said.

Services of Chinese churches in Hongkong were attended by non-Christians and there were several different ways of carrying out evangelistic work he said. Weekly prayer meetings were held in homes of members and non-Christian friends were invited.

"There are some Chinese who are frightened of the church through ignorance, and others who are afraid to attend on account of criticism. On the other hand they have no objection to attend home meetings," he said.

Another method was to form a personal evangelist group and to exhort each member to win one new person each year.

At Chinese New Year when holidays were more frequent, preaching bands were organised and many people were approached locally and in the New Territories, where last year 20,000 pamphlets were distributed.

The 32 Chinese churches had 1,016 new members last year, of which 692 were children. Last year 115 more than the 1,104 baptised before were baptised—an increase of 10 per cent.

Mrs. W. K. Cheung, in a short address on education stressed the value of religion in teaching.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 17, 1889.

In the *Government Gazette* tenders are invited for re-casting the Fire Alarm Bell in the Clock Tower. The present "bell" is "to be taken over by the contractor, and a new one cast in its place of the same size and calibre, of good, sound bell-metal, of good tone, furnished with all the necessary mountings, and fitted in place." So far, so good. Nobody will deny that our present central fire alarm leaves much to be desired; it is, in fact, quite inadequate for the purpose intended, and it is a matter for rejoicing that the Government authorities, after so many years of solemn cogitation, have at last acquired a necessity that has always been apparent to everybody else, and has been the constant subject of complaint in our local press, for more than a decade. But surely the Government does not intend to confine reform in this direction to merely removing the old fire-bell. Has not the time arrived when the removal of the Clock Tower itself has become a matter of public necessity?

We submit that it has, and would enlist the consideration of the Governor and the Surveyor-General for what is almost universally conceded would be an important improvement in the most central part of town. The Clock Tower may possibly have been an ornament to the Government in its present position when first erected, but if no times have changed, and while the ornamental attributes have long since passed out of sight, the obstruction, with the very largely increased population and traffic, has become a public nuisance.

The are, however, plenty of places available where it would be far more ornamental and certainly more useful to erect the tower, in a position in the middle of our most crowded thoroughfare. Probably the best site in the city would be the vacant ground in front of the Central Police Station—we mean that space facing Wyndham Street which has been lying fallow since the first ten years ago.

25 YEARS AGO

Oct. 17, 1914.

The Admiralty announces that H.M.S. *Yarmouth* (of the China Squadron) has sunk the German liner *Markomannia* in the vicinity of Sumatra and captured the Greek steamer *Pontopore*, both of which previously accompanied the cruiser *Enden* in the German prison-ers were taken.

Never has Plymouth witnessed such scenes of devastation as the occupation of the Canadian contingent. The great familiar *Empress* liners, painted Navy grey, attracted the entire porters, and cheering was kept up throughout the day.

The London daily papers may have been creating such havoc among the press censorship, but in the main their criticisms convey a reasonable public opinion. The censor has been criticised, while a detained without any adequate reason, may it has been made where there was no occasion for it, to create unnecessary anxiety, especially in soldiers' families, and to leave the open market place to the wildest rumours, which have gone over the country from mouth to mouth during the last three weeks in the island of Malta, since the publication of news became an organised business.

The most obvious and practical remedy for the state of things is to reinforce the official Press Bureau with some journalist of approved editorial experience. It is impossible to understand the state of things as it is, and the editing and publication of news is a technical art. It is not to be expected that eight military and naval rank, like however warlike directed by a K.C., M.P., however learned in the law and politics, can master the niceties of this art by the light of a revolver. It is more reasonable to entrust nine newspaper editors—men who, ex officio, know everything—with the duties of the Press Bureau.

The German cruiser *Enden*, which has been creating such havoc among the merchant shipping at the mouth of the Hooghly and on the Burma coast, is still at large in the Bay of Bengal, as the citizens of Madras never know to their cost, for the visited Madras, accompanied by the *Markomannia*, and proceeded to bombard the port as she floated past at a rapid rate. One of the very first shots fell in the bedroom of Mr. Ellis, the Manager of the Burma Oil Company, all tanks on the beach, his wife and children were also in the house. Subsequent shots were blanked up, rendering the sea face of the town as brilliant as day, and the probably in the subsequent shots, when the citizens of Madras never know to their cost, for the visited Madras, accompanied by the *Markomannia*, and proceeded to bombard the port as she floated past at a rapid rate. 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Asking For Trouble

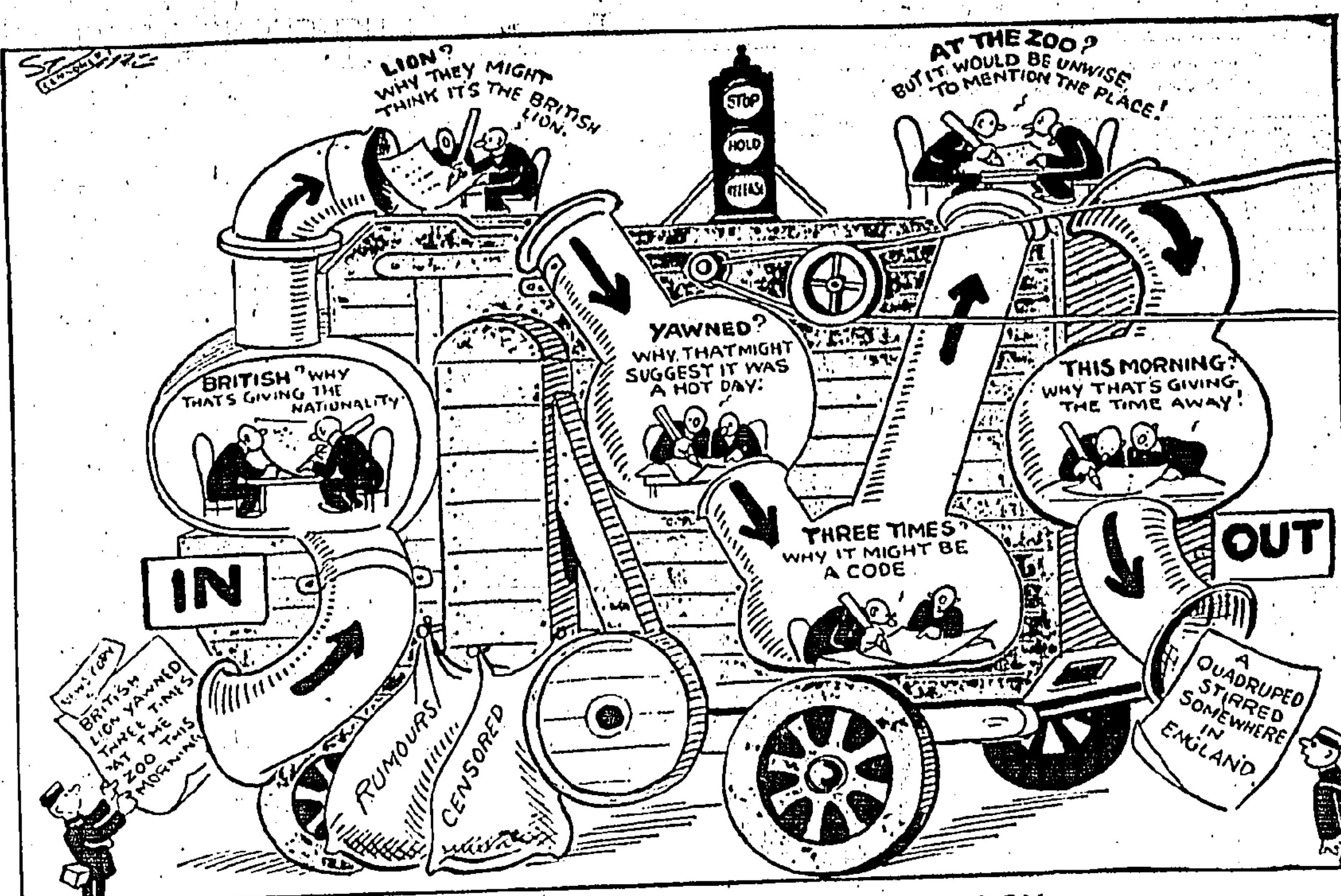
HITHERTO there has been an inclination to dismiss reports of internal dissension within the Wilhelmstrasse and the German army as propaganda, but the well-authenticated press reports from neutral sources proclaiming the arrest and detention of former Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal von Blomberg and five other high German army officers, as well as the highly mysterious death of General von Fritsch, leaves little room for doubt that Hitler is finding it increasingly difficult to get along with those who would normally be regarded as indispensable during the present crisis.

It appears that von Blomberg is to become another victim of Hitler's extraordinary whims. By 1938 he had already thrown over the one man who had made the allegiance of the Reichswehr to Nazism possible for its firmness. Von Blomberg apparently had incensed some of the younger officers because he would not conform to the army's matrimonial code. Hitler therefore discarded overnight his most powerful ally of 1932, and by so doing aroused the ire and dislike of the majority of Von Blomberg's contemporaries with whom he was a firm favourite. It was Von Blomberg who made it possible for Hitler to dispose of General von Schleicher and his wife during the brutal 1934 purge, and for the first six years of Hitler's reign did everything he could to bring the Reichswehr in closer relation to the Nazi Party. The result was loss of personal popularity among his colleagues, and as a final humiliation, disownment by Hitler.

The methods are typical of the German dictator. He did the same with Roehm, his best friend, and it seems he has knifed in the back Von Fritsch, another gallant officer, whose loyalty to the German State has never been questioned.

These barbaric methods of eliminating internal embarrassments have so far succeeded, but Hitler seems to be in danger of confusing the effect of his Party purge of 1934 with a military purge of 1939. He will awaken to his error when he finds that the Reichswehr, although perhaps capable of petty jealousies, is just as jealous of its own good name, and the good name of its high officers. Hitler may imagine that he can take supreme command of the German army, but he will never be allowed to do so by his Reichswehr, who are still powerful to make or break the dictator.

The Reichswehr are fully aware that army purges in the middle of a war are a real sign of weakness; in this case it is not the weakness of the army or its leaders, but of Hitler, the dictator. The Reichs-



WITH 999 APOLOGIES TO HEATH ROBINSON
(There are 999 persons on the staff of the Ministry of Information)
—Strube in the London "Daily Express"

Most Germans still don't know the truth

by
G. Ward Price

WHAT are the German people thinking about this war? Not the party officials left to keep watch upon the civil population, but the ordinary, stay-at-home citizen, too old to have been called up yet, who is consequently carrying on his job as shopkeeper or craftsman, or farmworker?

What is he saying over his 20-per-cent.-watered beer while he sits at his Stammtisch?—as they call a table reserved for a particular set of customers.

In Nazi eyes, these older people count only as citizens of the second class, yet, in a long war, it is they—the people who keep the factories, mines, and food-crops going—whose endurance will matter more than any other element of national defence.

Not being members of the party—for few of them had joined before Hitler came to power, and now only the young are eligible—they have not sworn the oaths or experienced the strict schooling of Nazi discipline. Of course, they greet each other with Heil Hitler, and are always ready to hang out flags to order, since that is elementary prudence in Germany.

THEY belong to the type of whom their Blockwart, or local party supervisor, reports to his chiefs that they are respectable and *politisch gut-gesinnt*, or politically well-disposed.

Such people have only the German wireless and the stereotyped Press to tell them what is going on, and there can be no doubt that to their simple minds Germany's war-plans seem to have been crowned with success.

They think they are seeing fulfilment of the Führer's promise—a cheap and short war of conquest in the East, with the German "West Wall," as they now call the Siegfried Line, securely holding their adversaries at bay in the West.

"Mensch, ich sage Dir!" I can almost hear them saying, with portentous earnestness and bulging eyes, "I tell you, the

wehr is more likely to depose Hitler before permitting the world to believe that there is a vital weakness in the German Military Machine, and Hitler will be seeking a much earlier doom than awaits him at the hands of the Allies if he permits his petty whims to take precedence in such vital decisions.

Führer das ist ein Mann! He knows what he is about! Sham-berlang und Delandier—what can they do against him? First he conquers Poland; then he turns on France and England, who will either have to submit to our terms or be smashed to pieces."

And the rest of the evening would be devoted to discussion of how Germany could best divide up the British Empire.

IN view of the Army's successes against the Poles, public morale in Germany is probably better than it was when the war began, six weeks ago. The Polish victory has convinced the German people that all is going according to Hitler's infallible plan.

At this stage no immediate result can be expected, therefore, from the dropping of propaganda pamphlets over Germany. Appeals to the pacific

instincts of the rank and file of the country will be without success so long as Germany remains flushed with victory. The German who is not gripped by the party machine, however, is likely to become pacific when things begin to go wrong for his side.

It would be too much to expect any weakening of spirit in Germany now, for she is at the climax of her material preparations and moral fortitude. We shall reach our own peak only in a few months' time.

The advantage of this situation lies with Britain. Among us, limitations of supplies and vexations of control have yet to begin, while over there they have been operating for some time.

EVERY athlete knows that to be overtrained is one of the worst of disadvantages. PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

"UJT JT JO D JQIFS"

—"this is in cipher"

(but one of the simplest of all ciphers, dear to schoolboys. Do you see how it works?)

MAYBE it is simple. But if you tried to send a cable like this from Hongkong you'd be pulled up quickly.

Cipher is hard to break, unless you have the key. But the British Intelligence Department broke the strongest German ciphers during the last war.

It deals with all types of codes and ciphers.

The difference between a code and a cipher is this: In a code, a code-word (four, five or seven letters long) stands for maybe a whole sentence of message, whereas a cipher is a letter-for-letter affair.

You usually need a code book or dictionary for codes, and the code book can only hold a limited number of phrases.

Ciphers express more exact shades of meaning, and so you can take it that Hitler's message was sent in cipher rather than in code.

The British ciphers and codes are changed at irregular intervals in order to keep foreign secret services guessing.

The Foreign Office uses code instead of cipher for shorter routine messages. The Secret Service also prefers code, which shows messages most conveniently.

The Navy prefers code because it is very hard to "break." (Even if one word is decoded the other words may remain hidden.)

The Army prefers cipher—the danger of code-books falling into enemy hands is too great.

Since the 1914-18 war, cipher-writing machines have come out. You type on them as if you were using a typewriter, but certain adjustable cogs and cams turn your message into cipher—so effectively that the tell-tale letters "th" (whose constant reappearance is the giveaway to many of the simpler ciphers) will not have the same equivalents more than once in 500 times.

But these machines will never be camp followers of the Army. Besides being heavy to move around they need plenty of electricity—not easily laid on to the front line.

Making new ciphers needs ingenuity, but making new codes may involve three to four years hard work. So says Mr. Ernest Quick, seventy-two-year-old director of one of the most successful commercial shipping codes.

Quick, born in Fetter-Lane, was a gold prospector at nineteen. He then went round the world selling maps and code books to shipping companies.

The code in which he is interested has 530,000 different phrases, including 6,500 on oil, 130,700 on names of ports with combinations, 1,125 phrases on Dams, and mathematical percentage tables.

The code book costs £8 a copy. Phrases for it were taken from ordinary business correspondence. It took four years to sort them out and code them.

Mr. Quick also sells code books which you can fill in with your own phrases (£2), or you can have a private cipher. Many business men have one which they change every week or so.

But in war time, the censor steps in.

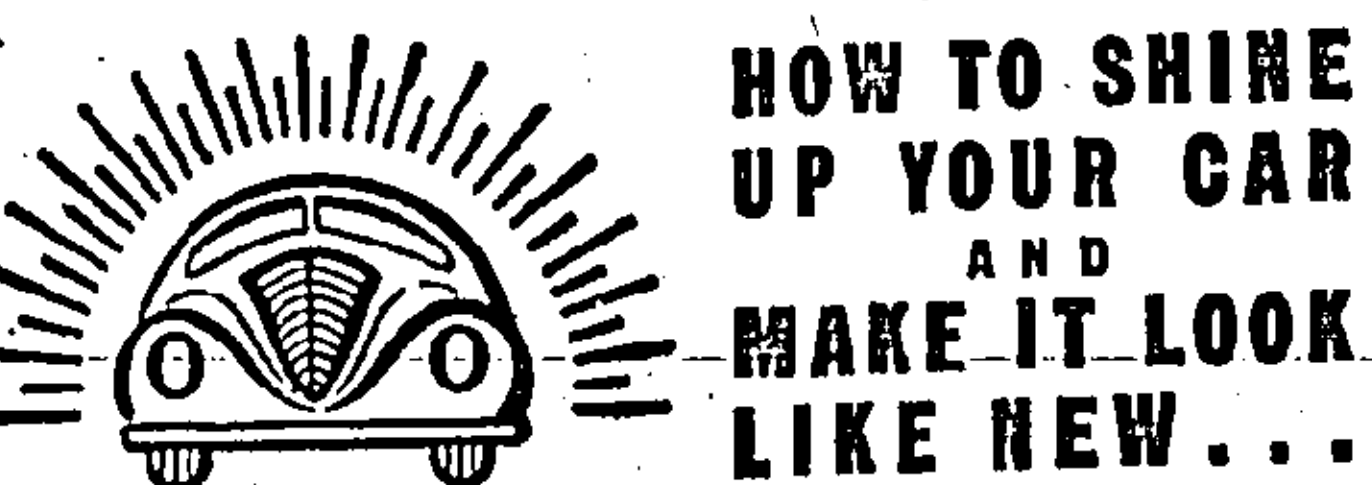
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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Sold Out For Russian Gold

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter Bulletin).—One of the explanations for German evacuation of the Baltic States is given by the Riga correspondent of "The Times".

He states that Hitler sold Germany's European colonies to Stalin for liquid gold.

The evacuation was made with such speed because Hitler needed the gold badly and Stalin required him to relinquish the holdings in the Baltic States before he made his first consignment of Russian gold.

REPULSE CLAIM BY GERMANS

Berlin, Oct. 16.

The German High Command in a communiqué states that a U-boat torpedoed and badly damaged the British battleship Repulse.

It is stated that the U-boat responsible for the attack was the same which sank H.M.S. Royal Oak.

H.M.S. Repulse was rendered unfit for action.—United Press.

Admiralty Silent

London, Oct. 16.

The British Admiralty have no comment to make on the German claim, but naval circles dismiss it as another "typical example of German propaganda."—Reuter.

Highly Efficient Class

Attached to the Battle Cruiser Squadron of the Home Fleet, H.M.S. Repulse is a vessel of 32,000 tons. Her armament consists of six 15-inch guns, twelve 4-inch, four 4-inch anti-aircraft, and four 3-pounds. She was recommissioned at Portsmouth in January, 1939.

H.M.S. Repulse was originally scheduled to convey the King and Queen to Canada with certain modifications so as not to interfere with the ship's fighting efficiency, but this plan was later cancelled owing to the political situation which resulted in the ship's return to home waters.

The Repulse visited Lisbon early in February last year along with other British warships and received a rousing welcome.

The Repulse and Renown form a class on their own.

German Threat

Stockholm, Oct. 16.

Reports from Swedish correspondents in Berlin all refer to the emphasis now placed by Germany on the fight for sea power. The Wilhelmstrasse, according to the *Dagbladet*, hints that Germany is planning to break Britain's mastery of the sea by means of submarines and aircraft.—Reuter.

Submarines Lost

Paris, Oct. 16.

Further details of the destruction of three U-boats by the British Navy have been received at French general headquarters, according to M. Morice, writing in *Le Petit Parisien*.

He says that large and highly efficient depth charges were used. One of the submarines dived to avert danger, but having been repeatedly damaged had to come up again. A part of the crew, realising the danger, jumped into the sea, while the submarine, diving rapidly, hit the bottom with the greater part of the officers and men aboard.—Reuter.

Norwegian Ship Lost

London, Oct. 16.

Another Norwegian steamer was sunk when she struck a mine in the North Sea. Three of the crew were killed and the rest were rescued.

The ship was on the way from Norway to Antwerp.—Reuter Bulletin.

INDUSTRIAL MAGNATE

Distinguished Indian Due In Colony

A distinguished Indian industrial and commercial magnate, Mr. Walchand Hirachand, will arrive tomorrow by Clipper from America, accompanied by Mrs. Walchand and Mr. K. J. Advani.

Mr. Walchand recently attended the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce at Amsterdam, of whom he is a member. From Amsterdam he went to America to visit the New York World Fair, and is now returning home via the Far East.

Mr. Walchand is Chairman of the Indian Shipowners Association; Chairman of the Indian Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (India's leading Shipping Co.); President of the Indian Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce, past President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, formerly, Employers' Delegate from India to the Labour Conference, Geneva, President of several other Chambers of Commerce in Bombay and elsewhere and a Director in about 50 Companies.

Mr. Advani is the Director of Industries, Bombay Presidency.

HITLER UNCERTAIN OF HIS GROUND: WILL HE ATTACK?

New Peace Proposals May Be Offered

London, Oct. 16.

After firmly rejecting Herr Hitler's bid for peace based on the Allied acceptance of the subjugation of Poland, Britain has entered the seventh week of the war with her interest centring on whether Hitler's next step would be to launch the threatened offensive in the West accompanied by large-scale air attacks on British ports and shipping, or whether he was sticking to the defensive policy with fresh efforts to induce the Allies to enter into peace negotiations.

Observers point out that an answer to this question will be given in the course of the coming week, but the fact that an offensive has not yet been launched despite Herr Hitler's lengthy conferences with Army chiefs is regarded as a tentative sign of the Reich hesitating to burn its bridges.

Some circles observe that it will probably choose the second alternative.

According to some reports, the German General Staff is opposed to immediate launching of an offensive on the ground that further preparations are necessary, urging Herr Hitler to stall until these are completed.

At the same time it is believed that the Allies' firmness, coupled with the obvious Hain-Russell reluctance to enter the war on Germany's side, has begun to make Hitler himself doubt chances of success if the war continues.

Thus there is increasing likelihood that he will make further peace efforts.

New Proposals

According to the Sunday Dispatch correspondent, these might take the form of a more detailed offer to the Allies which would include the following:

Creation of a new Polish State under international guarantee; Maintenance of the present European frontiers; Return of German colonies or granting of special facilities in them; Great autonomy for Bohemia and Moravia with the maintenance of a German protectorate; General transfer of minorities; Long-term Nazi-British and Franco-British non-aggression pact; Satisfaction of some of Italy's territorial claims.

The proposals envisage certain concessions to the Allied demand, but the correspondent does not believe that they will be acceptable to Britain and France.

Mussolini's Plan

Despite Italian denials of the same correspondent's reports, Signor Giuseppe Bastianini, the new Italian Ambassador to the Court of St. James, who arrived in London on Saturday, is understood to have brought with him a two-point peace plan from Signor Mussolini envisaging a five-power guarantee for reduced Polish State and a conference of principal neutral Powers for settling further questions.

It is believed unlikely, however, that Italy will abandon her neutrality if the plan is rejected, while it is reported that Russia has assured Turkey that she does not intend to fight on the Reich's side.—Dome.

New Axis Talks

Berlin, Oct. 15.

Consultations between the Soviet and Germany on the situation arising from the British determination to continue the war may begin on Monday.

Either the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov or M. Potemkin will go to Berlin for the talks.

The Russian Ambassador is said to be expected to return to Moscow accompanied by a higher official.

A committee of industrialists representing Krupp and the State Railroads are proceeding to Moscow by air on Monday to supplement the industrialist already in Moscow and help negotiate the development of Russia's transport facilities to make Russia's raw materials available to the Reich.—United Press.

JAPANESE CONSULATE

The Japanese Consulate General, which for some years has been accommodated in Prince's Building, is moving to-day to new quarters in the top floor of No. 2 Connaught Road, opposite the Victoria Recreation Club and adjoining Butterfield and Swire's offices.

Mr. Oda, Japanese Consul, is at present in charge of the Consulate, having returned on Monday last week from a trip to Japan.

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POLICE RESERVE

List Of Parades For The Coming Week

Annual Inspection

"It is expected to hold the Annual Inspection between November 6 and 10 and all Commanding Officers are requested to commence preparations for this. Practice Parades at dates to be notified later, will be held."

Chinese Company

Strength.—The following have been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company:

Constable Hau Ke-yang, Soong Chong-ning, Lin Nai-yong, S. C. H. Liang, Leung Kwong-choi, Leung Wing-tung, Henry Wong, Wong Yuk-pui, Lau Chung-shan, Wong Lap-tan, Fung Hui-to, Tsang-chung, Lam Kung-tung, Mak Hung-kwong, Pong Kwok-yin, Leung Tui-min, and A. L. S. Cheung Wye-sum.

Training Course, Part I.—All recruits who have not passed Part I of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Friday, at 5.30 p.m. for instruction under Crown Sergeant Riddell, M.C.O. will attend at detailed Dress-Khaki uniform, cap with khaki cover, belt with brace, white shirt and trousers.

Training Course, Part II.—The under-mentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course to-day at 5.30 p.m.

Constables Chan Yung-kwong, Lee Ching-shan, Leung Chiu-shan, Tang Kwong-wing, Koh Kwai-sun, Lam Chong-ling, Ho Chung, Tang Sai-lun, Tang Chai-lai, Kwok-chiu, Cheng Lok-sang, Ng Ping-tung, Koh Hon-yang, Tso Kwai-ching, Fung Hing-shing, Tam Koon-ling, Li Koon-chun.

Training Course, Part III.—Revolving wheel practice held at Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, at 10 a.m. Recruits who attended and those who have not fired their revolvers will attend. There will be no class for instruction in the handling of the revolver on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. for Part IV of Training Course at Company Headquarters this week or until further notice.

Members of Part IV.—The under-mentioned members will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. for Part IV of Training Course (A.R.P.) under Sub-Inspector (II) Chan Chung-ling.

Constables Chan Yui-hing, Li Chung, Chan Tak-cheung, Lam Kwok-kei, Law Yiu-cho, Cheong Kwong-ling, Lam Kwok-kei, Yung Fook-shui, Lam Kung-nang, S. H. G. Leung, Chan Wei-chun, Wei Yung-yuen, Le Shu-kwai, Seah Cheung-hong and John Mo.

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Patrol duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad

Strength.—The following have been permitted to resign from the Flying Squad: Constable L. Krinichsky, G. R. Payne, Harry Lewis, and Constable L. Krinichsky.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Left Form-Kit forms to be duly completed and return to the O.D. Emergency Unit Reserve as early as possible.

Defence Examination.—All recruits will attend V.R.C. on Friday, at 5.15 p.m. for Defence Exam, under Mr. J. J. J. J.

Patrol duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

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KUMAONS ENTERTAIN

Annual Hindu Festival Of Ram Lila Celebrated

A series of dramatic plays are being staged by the Kumaon Dramatic Club at the Indian Dramatic Club, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, celebrating the annual Hindu festival of Ram Lila (Dussehra).

The series commenced on Friday evening and will continue through the week, the final performance being on Sunday night.

On Sunday evening the performance was honoured by the presence of Brigadier J. T. M. Reeve, Officer Commanding the Kumaon Rifles, Lieut. Col. M. S. Teverham and all staff officers.

The Indian Dramatic Club is the only one of its kind in the Colony and stages monthly dramas organised by the Kumaon Rifles.

Challenge to Britain's Command of the Sea

OSLO, Oct. 16 (Reuter Special).—Germany is straining every nerve to break Britain's command of the sea, according to messages from Berlin.

Chances of victory against Britain, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Aften Posten" is the dominating topic, while France is not much discussed.

From the German point of view, separation of Britain from France is most important, but the correspondent adds that no German really believes this can be achieved.

General opinion prevails however that in view of the fact that even the largest battleships are not proof against combined attack by submarines and aircraft, Britain is no longer absolute master of the North Sea.

On The Western Front

FRENCH WARSHIPS AID TRANSPORT OF TROOPS

Paris, Oct. 16.

About 100 French warships participated in the conveying of the transport of the British expeditionary force to France, it is now learned. Submarine chasers, destroyers and torpedo boats protected the transports.

The newspaper *Excelsior* says the original estimate of 32 divisions of British troops in France will be considerably exceeded.—Reuter.

Offensive Thought Imminent

Paris, Oct. 16.

On the whole front the Germans are making great preparations for an attack and an offensive appears very imminent.—Reuter.

Eighty-fifth Communiqué

Paris, Oct. 16.

A communiqué states that between the Moselle and the Saar there was great activity within the enemy lines. West of Wissembourg there has been patrol activity on both sides.—Reuter.

Possible Strategy

London, Oct. 16.

High British military officers say that the Germans have three possibilities in the big offensive. First, in the Saar; second, through Belgium; third, a wider turning movement through Holland and Belgium.

They think an offensive across the Rhine in the region north of Switzerland is impossible while through Switzerland is dangerous as long as Italy is neutral.

The British authorities believe they have scored an initial tactical success in transporting the troops without delay to the front. The danger in modern war is to be caught on the move. That is what happened to the Poles.

British military circles believe that Russia has won the first against Germany in securing control of the Baltic.—United Press.

Massed Troops

London, Oct. 16.

Recent French reconnaissances are reported to have been directed specially north of Wissembourg and the Rhine, with a view to reestablishing the line which the enemy are doing in the Blieswald area.

If they succeeded in breaking through the Lauterbourg defences, behind which the plain of Alsace begins, they would gain important strategic positions.

Allied aircraft report enormous concentrations of troops, tanks, and motorised divisions from Poland. Heavy artillery concentrations are also reported on a line Metz-Saarbrücken-Zweibrücken-Berzborn.

Although it is believed, the Germans have now placed in position 900,000 men ready to attack.

The same tactics as in Poland generally are expected, in first onslaught of tanks, then of shock troops, supported by a heavy barrage of artillery and air bombers.

On the other hand, military critics point out that the season is increasingly unfavourable for land operations, hence the possibility is always envisaged that Hitler may postpone his offensive until spring.

Meanwhile he is expected to intensify air raids of British ports and shipping.

The Dutch reported that they had made preparations to flood the country for a belt of five to 25 miles from the Zuiderzee to the Belgian frontier if the Germans try to invade.—Reuter.

Terauchi's Opinion

New York, Oct. 15.

General Terauchi, head of the Japanese Military Mission to Europe, arrived here to-day on board the Italian liner Rex.

The General said, "My impression, after talking with the leading figures of all the belligerents, is that all would like to end the struggle now if they were able to see any possible peace formula." He said that the Allies make a great mistake in the under-estimating Germany's ability to wage a long war. "The German people have a calm discipline and complete confidence in their Government and the Military."

General Terauchi inspected the German General Staff and doubted if the Allies would attempt to break it, since the losses would be tremendous.

North China Difficulties

General Terauchi stated that while he was in command in North China many incidents occurred where Japanese lack of propaganda placed them at a disadvantage.

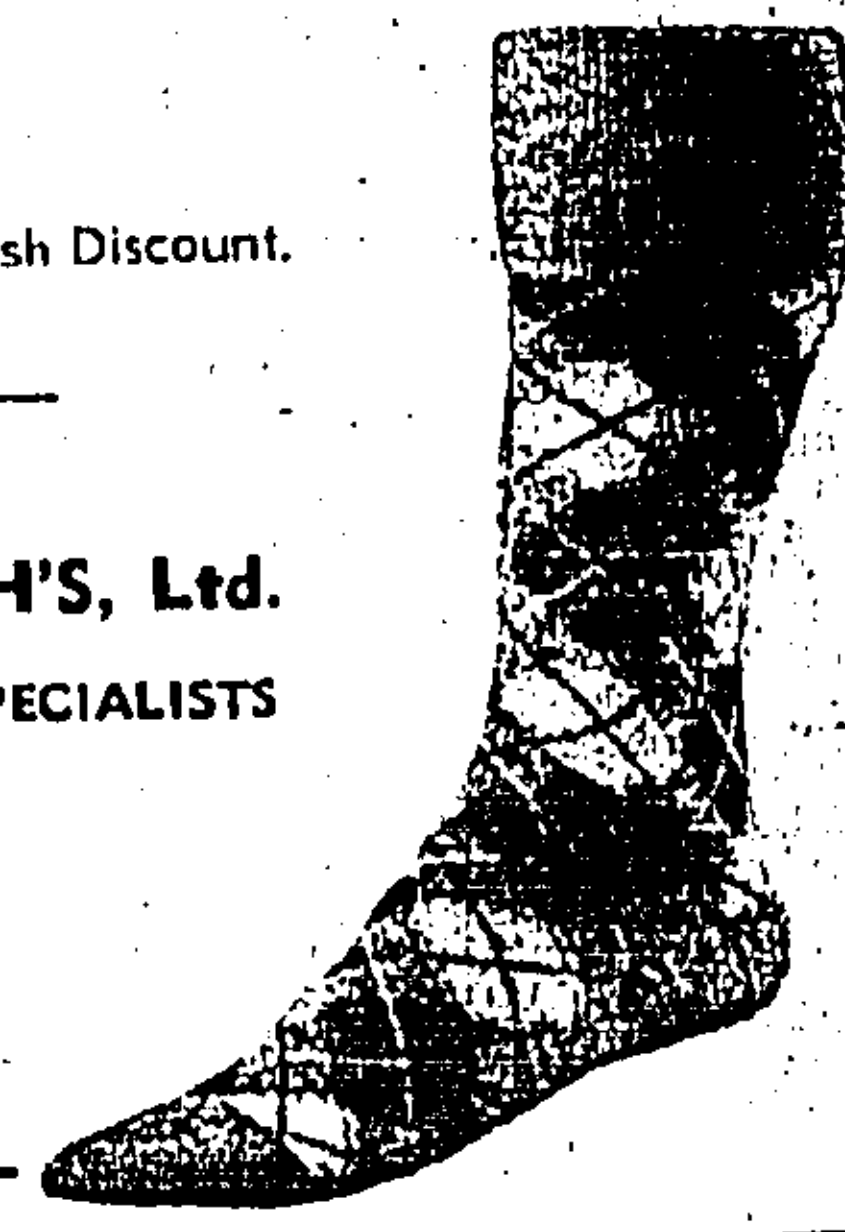
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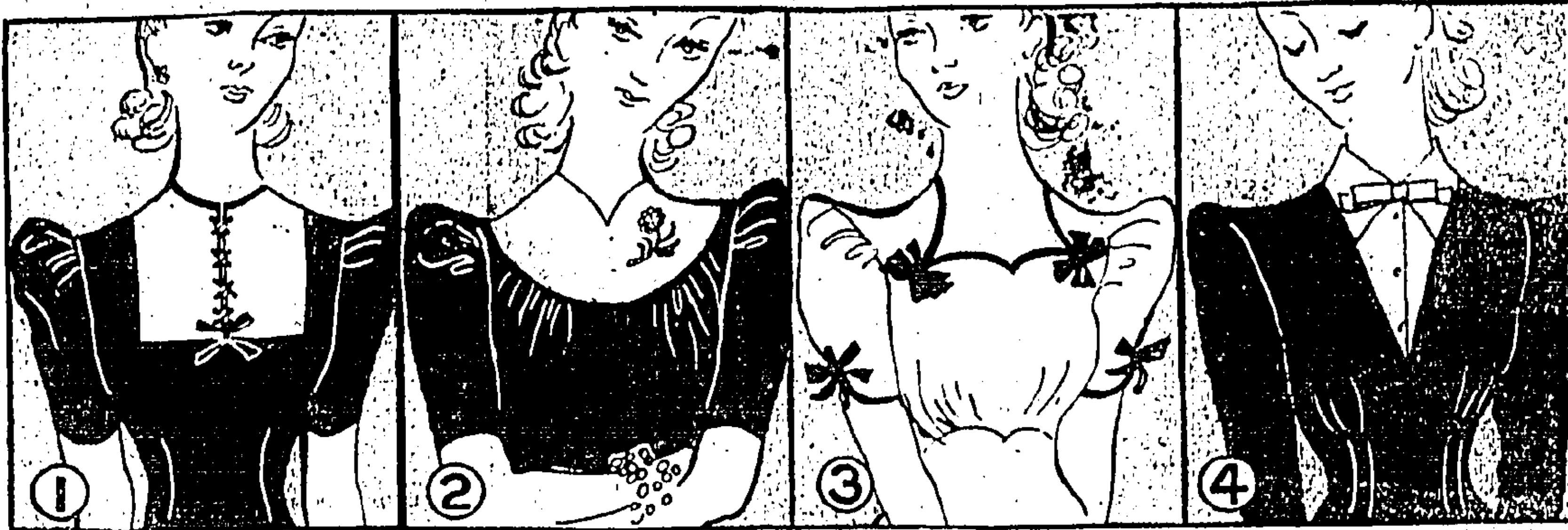
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Cheer that dress up, too

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Here are four suggestions for altering the neckline of last year's frock. They are little, trivial alterations enough, but they use up moments of time which might otherwise be put to brooding.



Let Us Be Sociable

SOCIABILITY is a virtue more praised than practiced—sociability, that is, in its wider, spontaneous, unexpressed, frank, spontaneous, affability, not only towards those in our immediate circle of friends, but also towards those with whom we come in contact in the ordinary experience of the day.

We are all aware, for instance, of the general air of aloofness that marks people travelling together in the same compartment of a railway carriage. Even on the country roads, people pass each other with a stony stare or an air of studied indifference.

In places of public entertainment, where one would naturally expect an atmosphere of friendliness and geniality, there are at times, notwithstanding signs of actual hostility among the audience.

In churches this lack of sociability has long given occasion to outsiders to indulge in criticism regarding the so-called inconsistency existing between the profession and the behaviour of church-goers.

An Air of Aloofness

And though, within recent years, much has been done by active church organisations to bring members and young people together in friendly intercourse, it cannot be denied that not a few of our city churches still retain that air of cautious reserve and aloofness that damps the spirits of lonely worshippers and strangers within their gates.

A well-known city minister has told how, when visiting his members, an old lady said to him—"Do you know that though I've been a member of your church for over twenty years, not one of the members has ever

spoken to me?" "Why, that is very strange," he replied. "And have you never spoken to them?" "Certainly not," came the quick answer. "I would not presume to speak first, or it may be shyness, too, often blocks the way to friendly intercourse. And yet, when we manage to overcome this reluctance to exchange civilities with strangers, how pleasing (usually) is the reward. How pleasant to find that our modest salutation, nine times out of ten meets with a quick and smiling response."

Room for Improvement

It goes without saying, of course that friendly or just polite advances to strangers cannot be made indiscriminately. But though, for instance, one could not politely salute strangers when passing along Princess Street without the risk of being thought queer, it does not follow that one should adopt a forbidding air of aloofness, nor when deigning to glance at passers-by, is it necessary to "freeze" them with an icy stare.

If each of us, in our own sphere, would do our little bit towards breaking down those dividing walls that convention, and habit, and pride, and laziness have reared between members of the human family, the efforts made would undoubtedly help to oil the wheels of life, and would go far to lighten the burden and smooth the path of wayfarers everywhere on life's highway.

In this connection a line of Barrie's may be appropriately quoted—"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

I. C. M.



An Autumn afternoon dress that will grace any gathering is this one in white-colour rayon crepe featuring a slightly flared skirt and full, all three-quarters sleeves.



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2 For an old V neckline cut in contrasting material, as round yoke, opening up the back with a coloured plaster zip fastener. Gather the bodice of the dress into it.

3 You can make this neckline from almost any shaped old one. Bind it with velvet and finish with two clusters of bows. And play up the medieval effect with bound sleeve edges and bows.

4 If you're tired of a high plain neckline, then cut the bodice down in a V shape, buy a stiff white pique front with tailored collar to slip in, and fasten down firmly with press studs.

Suggestions For Saving Gas

THE British Commercial Gas Association makes the following suggestions which will be valuable to housewives:—

The Association reminds consumers that it is important on hearing an air raid warning to turn off all taps and pilot lights before switching off the gas supply at the main cock, and to remember to relight pilot lights, &c., when the main tap is turned on again after the "all clear" signal.

To reduce gas consumption—which is to be rationed except in special cases to three-quarters of the amount used in corresponding quarters of last year—these hints are given:—

Turn off the burners the moment you have finished with them.

Never let gas flare up round the sides of utensils; the tip of the flame should just touch the bottom of the saucepan or kettle.

Never put on more water than you actually need heated.

Points About Utensils

Keep utensils clean and dry—dirt means wasted gas.

Don't, if you can avoid it, use uncovered saucepans; they take longer to heat.

Never waste the heat above the grillers when you are grilling. If you can, put a saucepan or kettle of water over the top.

Immediately a pot boils lower the gas until it is just sufficient to keep it boiling.

Make one gas ring simmer several pots. If you put the browning sheet from the oven over one ring on the hot-plate you will be able to keep several saucepans hot on it.

You can manage with less hot water in your bath and wash basin.

Never run a hot water tap unnecessarily, and do not let hot water drip. A dripping tap wastes gas.

Scrape plates and wipe cutlery before washing up; you'll need less hot water because there will be less grease.

Turn your fires off and on as you wish so as not to waste fuel. Never leave a gas fire burning when it is not needed.

Always lower the fire as soon as the room has warmed up.

Don't try economise with the gas refrigerator. A refrigerator uses very little gas and it saves so much food waste that it will be a valuable help to you.

Use the oven of the gas cooker well. For example, when you are roasting meat and potatoes you put in two pies in the cooler part of the oven. One pie can be served hot with the meat you are preparing, the other can be served cold next day.

When the joint is taken out of the oven put in a milk pudding to cook, or a casserole containing bones, &c., to prepare stock. And remember you can cook a whole dinner over gas ring if you have a three-tiered or four-tiered steamer.

Lace In The Home

A FEW years ago lace was rarely thought of beyond curtains where the attractive details of home furnishing were concerned. To-day there is hardly any department of house decoration in which British lace does not figure.

American women have given a definite lead to British housewives in the use of lace tablecloths. Probably eight out of every ten housewives there use lace cloths in tones ranging from oyster to deep mushroom for breakfast, luncheon, and dinner.

When cloths are not in use they have sets of "shawls"—the American name for a lace runner—with matching table mats. These are made in a rectangular shape large enough for dinner plate, drinking glass, knives, forks, and spoons to rest upon them.

On the central runner are placed a vase of flowers or a posy bowl condiments, and butter. It is smart nowadays to place several small vases of flowers in a row.

Lace tablecloths do not crease after they have been used once—a great advantage.

Two forms of lace net bedspreads are popular. The patterned lace spread and the spread made of plain or patterned lace net and draped over coloured blankets.

Wall lights and dressing-table lamps have had special lace shades planned for them. A single floral design for each sconce lamp shade, clipped neatly on to an electric candle is effective in parchment colour against a parchment painted wall.

They give a soft and mellow light to dinner table and an air of elegance to a drawingroom.

SHORT CUTS

RUBBER bathroom mat may come rather shabby and soiled after a few weeks wear and tear, but they can be successfully renovated if treated like this:—First brush to remove all surface dust, then wash with carpet soap, and rinse in cold water.

If a bedside clock ticks loudly over it with a glass tumbler, and time can still be seen without the clock being heard.

When a stocking begins to ladder, apply a drop of liquid nail polish to the bottom of the run, and it will go no further.



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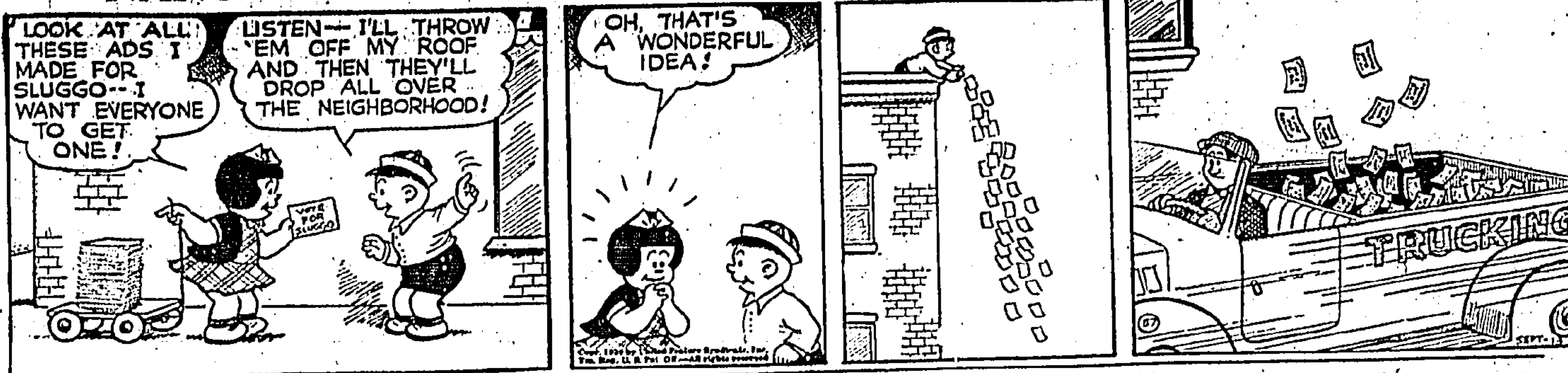
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Philippine Commissioner Arriving Here To-morrow

HIGH Commissioner Francis B. Sayre, who will arrive here to-morrow en route to become President Roosevelt's representative in the Philippine Islands, will head a new administration absorbed with economic rather than political relations, according to authoritative indications in Washington.

Commissioner Sayre, once son-in-law of the late President Woodrow Wilson, has emphasized that any change in political relations between the Philippines and the United States was purely a matter for Philippine initiative.

The programme of political independence for the Philippines, scheduled for July 4, 1946, will proceed unless the Filipino people indicate a desire to reopen the question, Sayre said.

With a background of training in law, diplomacy, and economics, which culminated in his five-year tenure as Assistant Secretary of State, Sayre is expected to interest himself primarily with the economic rather than the political future of the Philippines.

This 54-year-old economist-diplomat will provide a sharp contrast with his predecessor as



Francis B. Sayre, High Commissioner of the Philippines, who will arrive here to-morrow en route for Manila.

High Commissioner, the picturesque, colourful Paul V. McNutt, now a presidential aspirant, who vigorously projected the idea of permanent United States sovereignty over the Philippines under a "dominion status" arrangement.

McNutt's emotional advocacy of "realistic re-examination" of Philippine independence gave the political

issue a tremendous currency which still persists, despite McNutt's retirement from his Philippine post.

The handsome former Commissioner has indicated that he will continue to advocate Philippine independence in his capacity as a private citizen, and, incidentally, as a presidential candidate.

Quiet, soft-spoken Commissioner Sayre, however, while he is said to incline somewhat toward McNutt's general appraisal of the Philippine situation, has stated definitely that the political question of independence is a closed matter, unless the Filipinos themselves choose to bring it up.

Sayre, on the contrary, will devote himself to the execution and supervision of a programme that has already been formulated into law by the Tydings-McDuffie Philippine Independence Act, which projects an economic programme whose critical years are still ahead.

It was Sayre's father-in-law, President Wilson, who gave the Philippine independence programme its first great impetus in 1916 when the first law contemplating eventual independence status was enacted. Incidentally, although Sayre is consistently referred to as a Wilson son-in-law, the first Mrs. Sayre, favourite daughter of the United States, died in 1933, and Sayre has since remarried.

The Tydings-McDuffie Act contemplated a 5-year period of economic preparation for independence, based on the gradual adjustment of Philippine export trade to non-dependence on the free American market.

This was to be accomplished by a gradually increasing export tax on Philippine products destined for the American market.

With 35 percent of Philippine exports annually scheduled for American consumption, the task of economic adjustment was conceived as the most important aspect of independence.

Comparatively huge sums of money, averaging almost \$50,000 a year, were to be made available through excise tax refunds for "adjustment" purposes. The Philippine government was to "adjust" the nation's industries to a point where they could either compete in the American market on a full-duty basis or be liquidated in favour of other more self-sustaining industries.

Thus far, according to economic observers, little has been done in the Philippines in behalf of this programme. At the last session of Congress a bill of major amendments to the Philippine independence act was passed to "cushion" the shock of the proposed export taxes.

Commissioner Sayre, who played a leading role in the formulation and enactment of these amendments, is deeply interested in the entire economic adjustment programme.

He is said to have a sounder and more comprehensive grasp of all the economic angles of this programme than any other American official.

He conceives as his mission in the Philippines the task of guiding and advising the Philippine government on the launching and effectuation of the economic adjustment measures which he helped to formulate.

As a long-time professor of international law at Harvard University, and as assistant secretary of State in charge of trade agreements, Sayre has a long and imposing record of experience in national trade adjustment matters.

Although he is not particularly a man of dynamic appeal or trained in brilliant political leadership, Sayre's quiet persuasive diplomacy and facility in dealing with economic problems is expected to give new force to the quest for a solution to the riddle of Philippine-American economic relations.—United Press.

CLIPPER RECORD Next Plane Carrying 30 Passengers

Indicating the popularity of air travel in war time, 30 passengers have been booked for the outward flight from Hongkong to the California Clipper on Friday.

This will establish a record for the number of passengers carried by any aircraft from Hongkong. The largest number carried so far from here was 26, in a Pan-American Airways Clipper.

The new Boeing Clippers can carry more than 70 passengers, but have sleeping accommodation for only about half this number.

The passengers list on this occasion has been swelled by a number of Standard Oil engineers from Bahrain, who normally would have returned to the United States via Europe.

The California Clipper is expected to arrive on Wednesday from Manila.

CRASH WITH WAR FILMS

Tokyo, Oct. 16.

Mr. Toshiji Kojima, mechanic of the monoplane Divine Wind of the Asahi Shimbun, is still missing after the plane crashed into the sea on its way from Formosa to Japan proper on October 6.

The plane was carrying films of the European war from the Formosan capital. Over 50 divers took part in the searching operations.—Domei.

MAILS ARRIVE

The Imperial Airways plane De-nobola arrived with four passengers and mails from Bangkok yesterday.

Passengers from Europe were Mr. A. G. Longston, Mr. C. L. Gregory, the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Miss Olive Green, who is joining the Education Department, and Mr. F. Lee.

The plane brought 128 kilograms of mail.

GOODWILL PLANE

Karachi, Oct. 16.

The goodwill plane of the Tokyo Nichi Nichi and Osaka Mainichi Shimbun arrived at Karachi from Basra at 4.50 p.m. on Sunday.

The plane is to leave here for Calcutta at 7 a.m. on Monday.—Domei.

AIR SERVICES

Inward

From London and British countries: Imperial Airways, 5 p.m., October 16.

From U.S.A. via Guam and Manila: Pan-American California Clipper, October 19, 2.30 p.m.

From Chungking, Yunnan, Kweichow, etc.: C.N.A.C. and Eurasia service, indefinite.

From France, via Hanol: Air France, October 18, 4.45 p.m.

Outward

For London, Australian and British countries: Imperial Airways, 7 a.m., October 18.

For U.S.A. via Manila and Guam: California Clipper, October 20, 8.30 a.m.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For France, via Hanol: Air France, October 19.

TOKYO RESHUFFLE Mr. Shigemitsu May Be Foreign Minister

London, Oct. 16.

Foreign diplomatic circles believe that after a period of decorum has elapsed, Admiral Nomura (Foreign Minister) will resign in acquiescence to the demands of recalcitrant Foreign Office officials.

Mr. Shigemitsu, the former Ambassador to Great Britain who was mentioned for the post after Mr. Arita's retirement, has been mentioned as the probable successor of Admiral Nomura.

It is recalled that during the controversy of the past week, Mr. Shigemitsu openly supported Admiral Nomura's critics.—United Press.

Minister Of Agriculture

Tokyo, Oct. 16.

Count Tadamasu Saka, member of the House of Peers and President of the Japan Agricultural Society, was formally appointed Minister of Agriculture and Forestry this afternoon relieving Mr. Takuo Gadoh, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, of his concurrent post.—Domei.

Mr. Saka was formerly Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Minister of Railways. He was elected a Peer in 1923. He represented Japan at the World Parliamentary Trade Conference in Brussels in 1930.

ESCAPED CONVICTS

London, Oct. 16.

Three convicts from Dartmoor who escaped last night were captured 19 hours later.

They were finally captured in the woods 20 miles from Dartmoor after driving away in a stolen car with handbrakes full on and refusing to stop when challenged a number of times.—Reuter.

ROYAL BIRTHDAYS

Tokyo, Oct. 16.

The Emperor-to-day celebrated the Kings of Rumania and Afghanistan on the occasion of their birthday anniversaries.—Domei.

EMPIRE ARSENAL Australia Confident In New Role

Canberra, Oct. 16.

The Finance Minister, Mr. R. G. Casey, in a broadcast said that Australia will become the Empire's arsenal.

She is independent as regards raw materials from other countries for her armament needs.

By the end of the year 21 extra armament factories will be in operation, and in aviation production she will be able to supply a complete squadron of war planes every three weeks.—Reuter Bulletin.

Canadian Problem

Quebec, Oct. 16.

Canada's participation in the war is likely to affect the result of the election in Quebec to be held on October 25.

Mr. Maurice Duplessis, has repeatedly stated that conscription is the chief issue which will come before the election.

Mr. P. J. A. Cardin declared that the Liberals had always opposed conscription. "We must understand there are people who will not go overseas and who are free to take up whatever attitude they believe to be right," he said.—United Press.

Propaganda Fund

Capetown, Oct. 16.

German propaganda is becoming so untrue in South Africa, that leading citizens here are forming a £250,000 fund to combat German lies.

The fund is called the Union Unity Fund and has the approval of the Prime Minister. It will finance a nationwide campaign to give the people of South Africa true reports, so that they may be accurately informed and wisely directed.

German broadcasts from Berlin contain so many lies that though people in the cities do not believe them those in remote districts are apt to be convinced.—Reuter Bulletin.

Open-Air Propaganda

Paris, Oct. 16.

German propaganda continues to be broadcast across the Rhine where loud speakers give parts of Hitler's speech, while cars speed along the highway carrying large banners, including the legend, "Bad luck to those who refuse Hitler's peace terms."

The French answer was a few well aimed shots at the banners.—Reuter Bulletin.

Film Propaganda

Tokyo, Oct. 16.

The Franco-German war was reflected in Tokyo for the first time in the form of a propaganda film competition.

Paris has sent "Sommes Nous Defendus" (Are We Defended?) showing the efficiency of the Maginot Line, while Germany is sending in "Unternehmen Michael" designed to display anti-British sentiment, and "Patriotes"—Domei.

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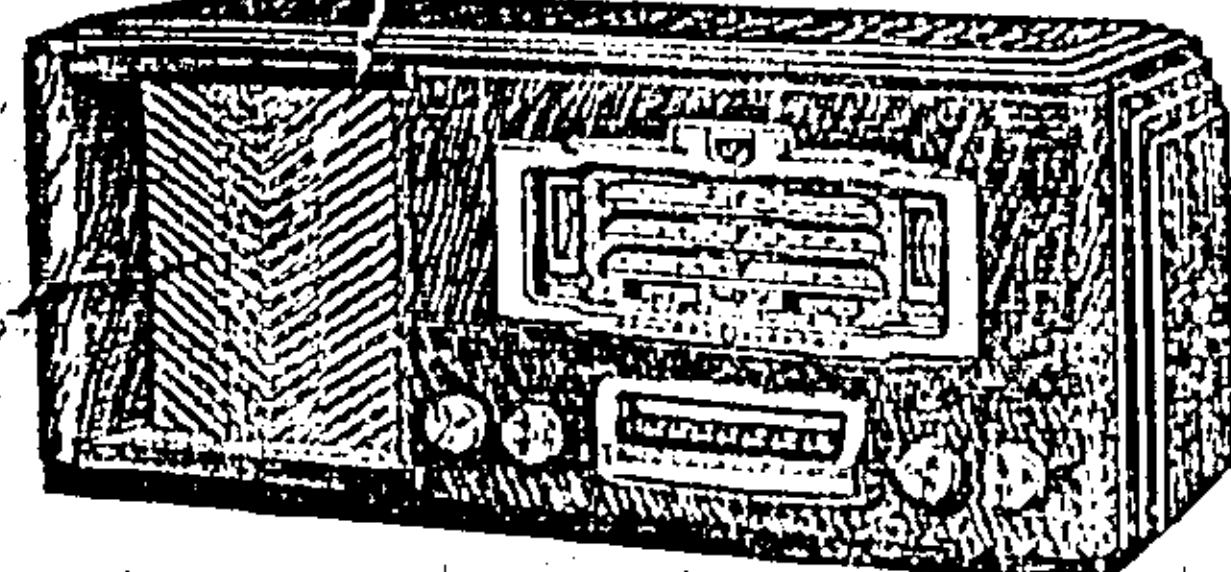
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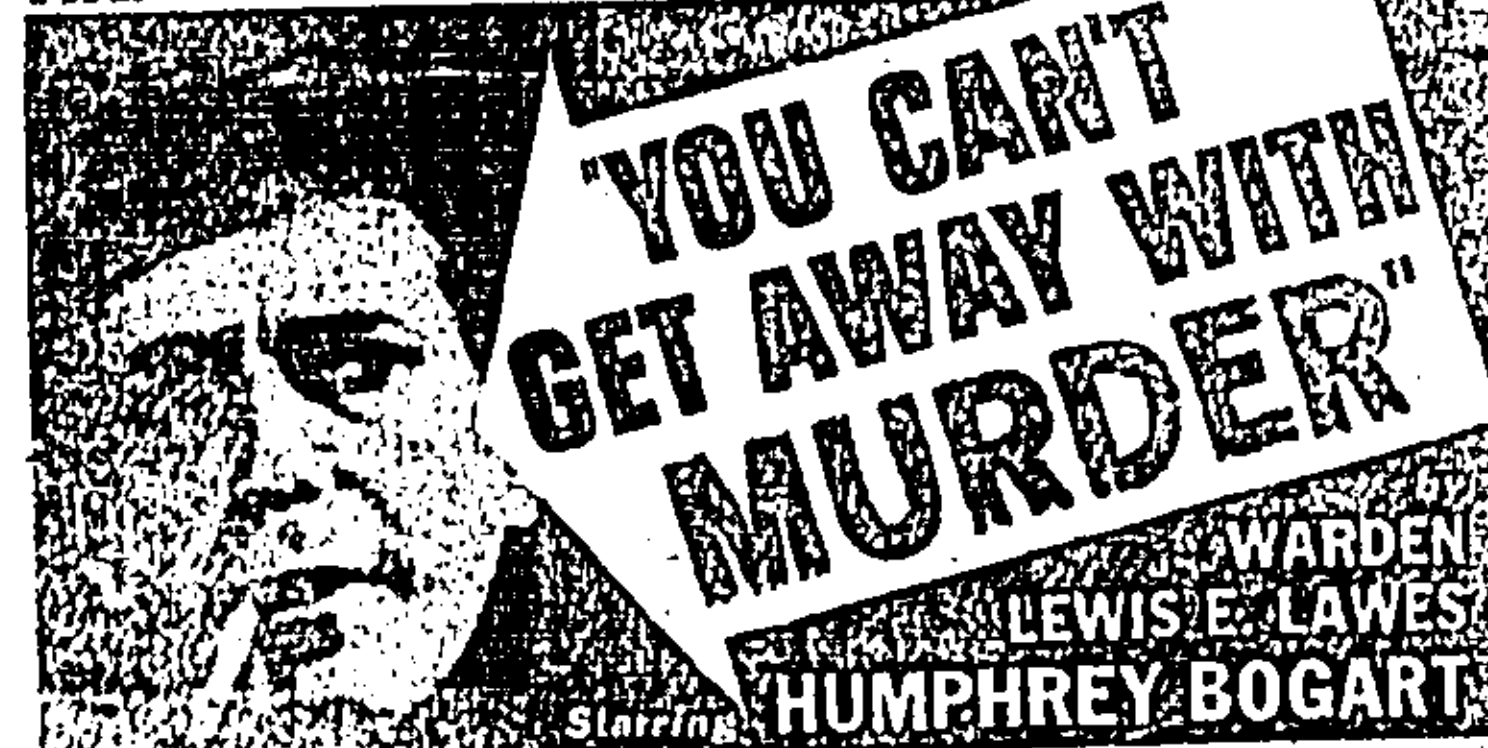
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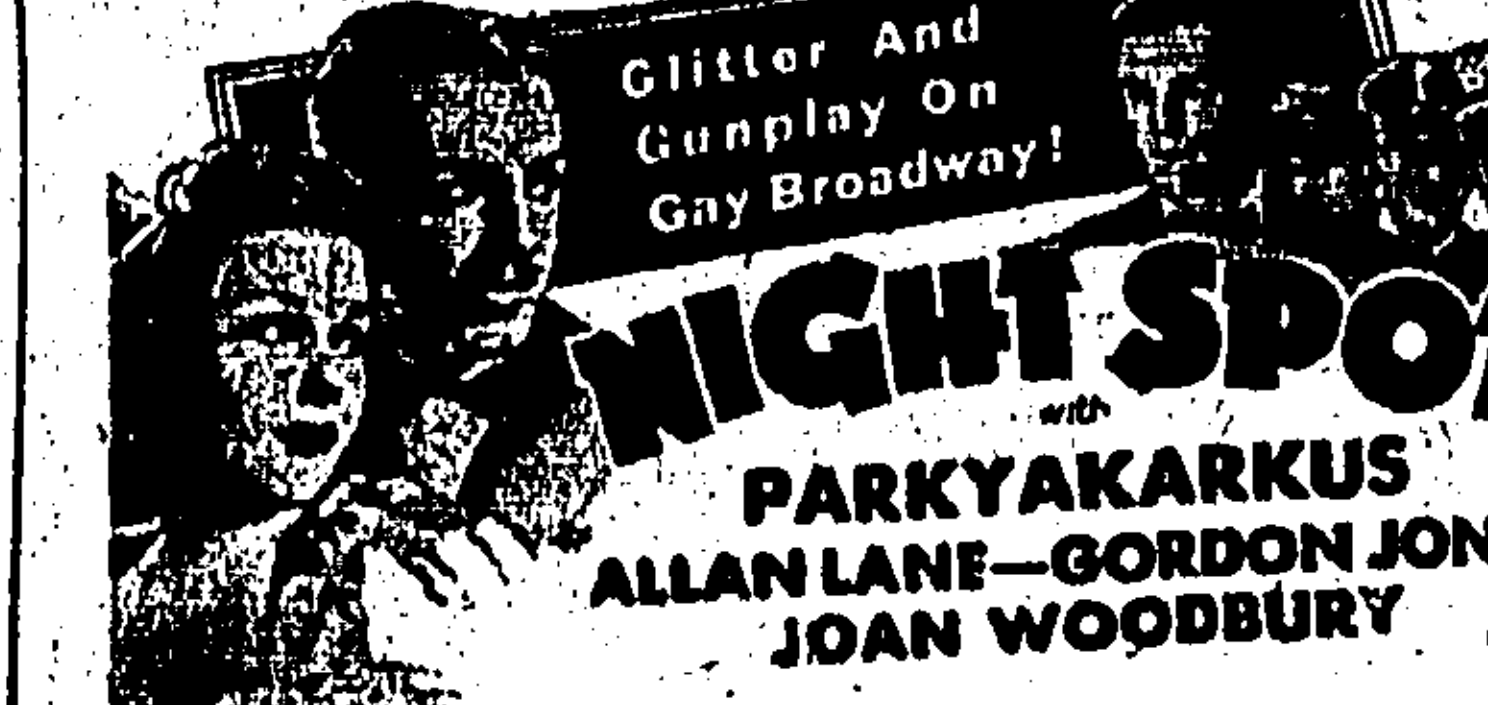
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Necessary To Conclude War In China

Chungking, Oct. 16. Asked whether China will make peace with Japan, the Premier, Dr. H. H. Kung, in an interview today, stated, "It is not so much a question of China making peace with Japan, as Japan giving up her policy of aggression against China."

"The whole world knows we are a peace-loving nation only fighting for our own existence and the maintenance of international order. When Japan gives up her dream of conquest and domination peace will return—peace based on honour and justice and to be permanent for concerns not only in China and Japan but also for the signatories of the Nine-Power Treaty."

"We believe it is increasingly apparent to Americans that Japan's policy of aggression aims not only at the conquest of China but also the subjugation of the United States as well, and while the conquest of America may be only a Japanese dream at present, it is a project that would be advanced enormously if Japan controlled China's vast resources of manpower. That is why Americans cannot fail to be interested directly in the outcome of the Sino-Japanese war, and that is why we feel justified in looking to the United States for material assistance as well as sympathy."

Military Bluff Enough

"It would be unnecessary for the United States to apply military force to restore peace and protect her national interests in the Far East. The mere knowledge that the United States is prepared to use force in the defence of these interests is sufficient to deter the Japanese, but as long as the Japanese consider that the Americans are unwilling to fight, even to defend their vital interests in this part of the world, the Japanese programme for destruction of these interests will be pushed forward. An attack on the United States may follow when the Japanese position in the Far East is consolidated."

"The same people who 15 years ago derided and ridiculed the prophecies of Japan's present war against China will doubtless scoff at the Japanese conquest of America as an impossibility. If the Japanese had not planned further conquests, why did they denounce the naval treaty and why did they build a great navy if their territorial ambitions are confined to China?"

"Their military operations here are carried out exclusively by land forces. Why should they establish in the United States, Panama and elsewhere an espionage service stretching from coast to coast? The existence of such a spy system is revealed by agents of the United States Government."

"Why, also, should the Japanese fishing fleets, congregated in such numbers off the Pacific coast of the United States and Japanese fishermen ply their craft in every bay and inlet of the Hawaiian Islands?"

Resentment Felt

"The answers to these questions are obvious to everyone, most of all to the officials of the United States Government. They know not only of Japan's dream of world domination but also the deep resentment created in Japan by the American immigration law excluding Japanese, and by the State prohibiting Japanese ownership of land in California and elsewhere, also other restrictive measures which the Japanese consider humiliating."

"Your President has made known his policy, which is based on international conference to adjust the differences between China and Japan and restore peace in the Far East. It is clear that your statesmen recognise the importance to American interests of restoring peace before Japan reaches the position from which she could threaten you more. "It is unlikely that the United States Government will renew the commercial treaty with Japan until Japan shows willingness to respect the rights of third parties in the Far East, and this will never be realised while Japan is attempting to subjugate China and eliminate Occidental influence here."

"It was for this purpose only that her military officials recently request-

LAUNCH CAPSIZES

Tragedy On Yangtse Below Woosung

Shanghai, Oct. 16. A radio message at noon stated that the Shanghai Government ferry, now known as Hsin Tai Kwo Maru, was sunk 15 miles below Woosung, where the Yangtse is 15 miles wide, with 100 Chinese passengers aboard.

It is not known whether any of the passengers were rescued. Owing to very heavy seas it is expected that rescue operations would have been difficult. Other ships are standing by but there have been no further reports.—United Press.

Four Hundred Passengers

Shanghai, Oct. 16. Four hundred Chinese passengers are feared to have been drowned when the 100-ton steamer Hsin Tai Kwo Maru sailing from Hsianking, northern Kiangsu, for Shanghai capsized about two miles from Lihokou in the Yangtse estuary at 12.40 p.m. Two Japanese destroyers are rushing to the scene of the disaster. It is reported that 60 survivors had been picked up.—Domei.

Only Sixty Survivors

Shanghai, Oct. 16. The ship capsized and sank as a result of bad weather. It transpires that the vessel was overcrowded, allegedly carrying nearly 400 Chinese passengers, of which there are 60 survivors.

The German steamer Liesel witnessed the disaster and hurried to render assistance.—Domei.

Heavily Overloaded

Shanghai, Oct. 16. The Hsin Tai Kwo Maru is reported to have a passenger capacity of 150. However she was carrying between 400 and 500 Chinese.—United Press.

ed certain foreign nations to withdraw from China the armed forces they maintain here under treaties concluded with China."

Outspoken Appeal

"Neither is it to replenish Japan's food supplies that the Japanese have been purchasing more scrap iron than they could afford in the United States."

"This iron and other raw materials which they have been assembling as rapidly as resources permit are weapons with which they expect to conquer the world. China is therefore fighting with all her strength a battle for the world at large, especially for the United States, which is Japan's neighbour on the other side."

Hence our appeal to give not only sympathy, which has been given so abundantly and which is deeply appreciated here, but also the co-operation which is needed to restrain a delinquent member of the family of nations.—United Press.

OPENING YANGTSE

London, Oct. 16.

The Times gives prominence to a letter of Lord Elphinstone, urging all efforts to induce the Japanese to re-open the Yangtse. He recalls that in the last war the Chinese exported quantities of valuable commodities and could do so again if freedom of trade were to be resumed.

Lord Elphinstone emphasises that while we naturally want the Yangtse re-opened, the Japanese would be the first to benefit thereby.

After two years of war, the whole Far East urgently needs liquid funds, Chinese and Japanese interests there are inseparable. The more the Chinese can export the more they can buy.

Japan is very favourably placed to supply Chinese wants. "Japan's chief aim," says Lord Elphinstone, "is to get China pacified, and the more the Chinese are allowed to trade, the less inclined will they be for war and the more quickly pacification proceeds."

Admiral Nomura's statement of October 2 of the Japanese determination to respect foreign rights in China, ought to be demonstrated in more concrete fashion than hitherto. He says that no better demonstration could be given by re-opening the Yangtse.—Reuter.

Britain-Japan

Tokyo, Oct. 16. The Premier, General Abe said that the Anglo-Japanese negotiations would not be resumed in the form of a parity. He hoped, however, that some means would be found for settling outstanding problems.—Domei.

RAIDER IS CAPTURED

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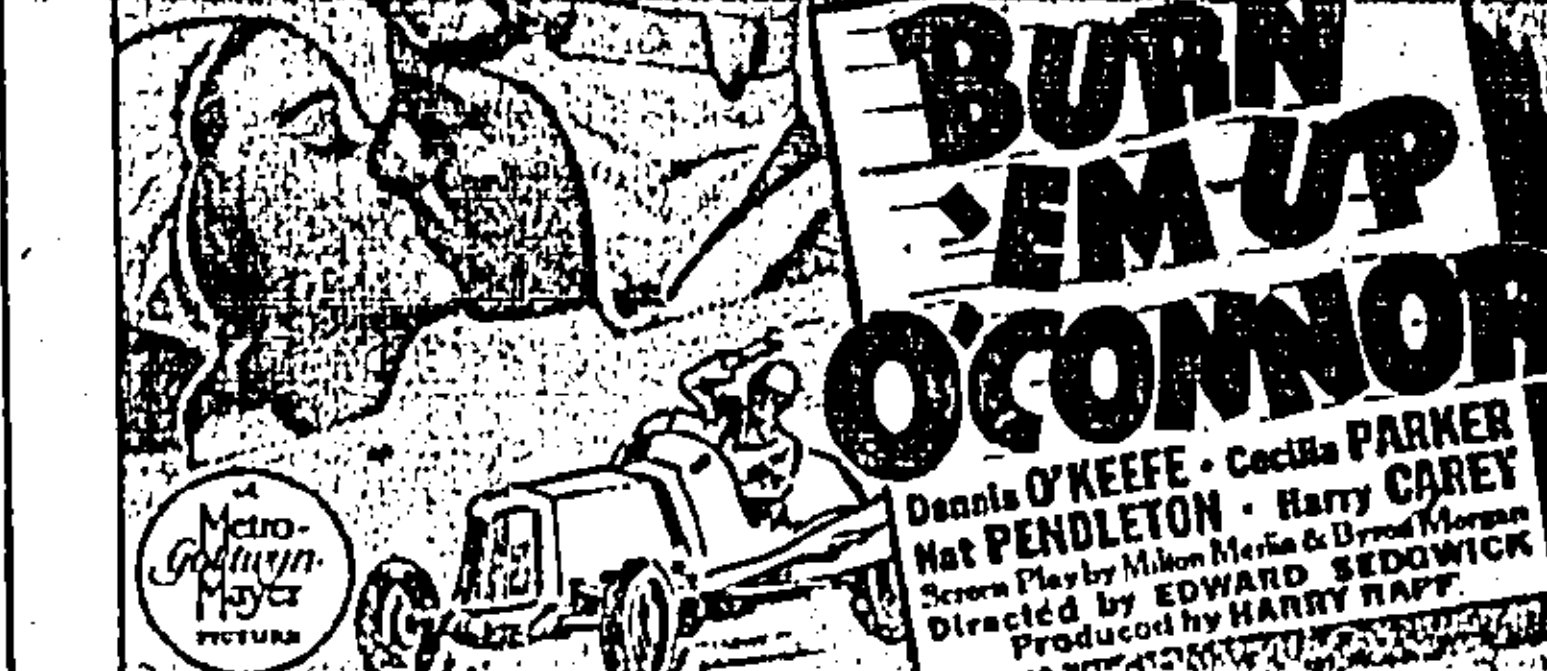
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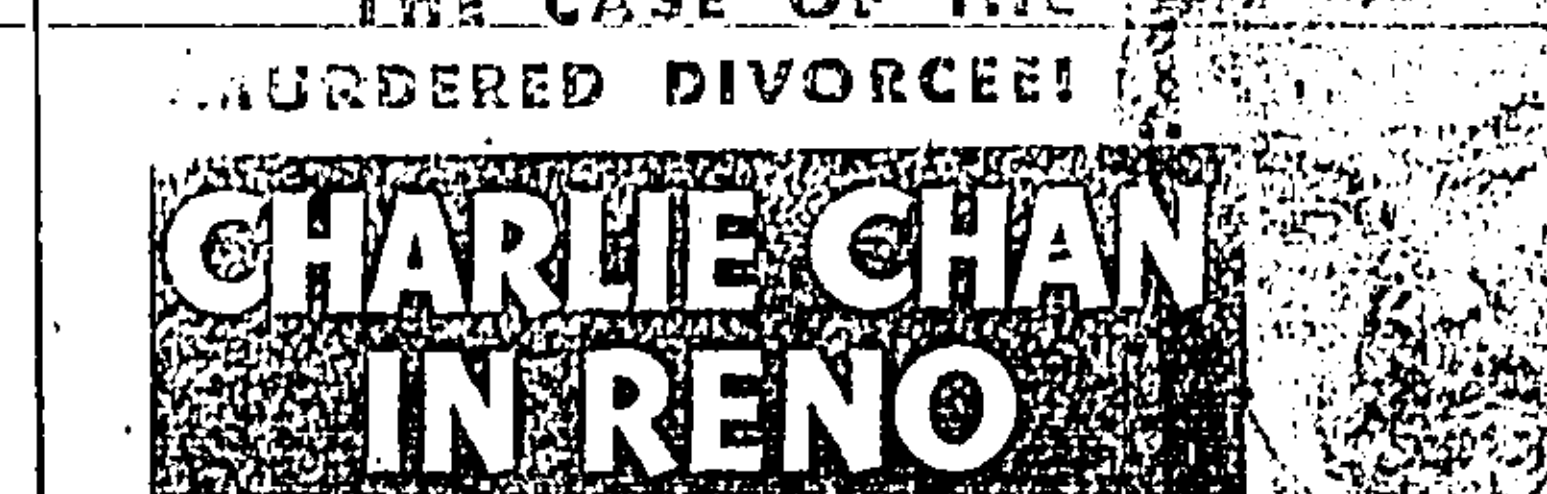
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Naval Officer Married In Singapore

Lieutenant Robert Evelyn Boddington, of the Royal Navy, son of Mr. Mr. and Mrs. F. Boddington of Hinton, Peterchurch, Herefordshire, was married at St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday, to Miss Elizabeth Hanco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanco, of Hongkong.

The Rev. N. Williams, of H.M.S. Medway, took the service.

Given away by Lieut.-Commander Hubert Marsham, of the Royal Navy, and accessories.

The bride, who was dressed in a gown of white French crepe, wore a sapphire and diamond pendant, a gift from the bridegroom.

She had on a tulle veil, with a garland of flowers in her hair, and carried a bouquet of lilies and carnations.

Miss Stella Strachen-Smith, the bridesmaid, wore a dress of blue georgette, and carried a bouquet of hydrangeas and daisies.

Best man was Lieut. R. A. St. Clair Sprout Bolton.

The reception was held at the Alport Hotel, and the honeymoon is to be spent at the Sea View Hotel.

The bride's going away ensemble consisted of a white, plaid suit, with a tunic, and an organdie blouse.

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At Least Four German Raiders Brought Down Over Edinburgh EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF BIG GERMAN AIR DEBACLE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
EDINBURGH, OCT. 17 (UP).—FIRST EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE GERMAN AIR RAID YESTERDAY ON EDINBURGH AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT INDICATE THAT MANY OF THE INHABITANTS DID NOT REALISE THAT A REAL AIR RAID WAS IN PROGRESS, AND THAT IT WAS MISTAKEN FOR A PRACTICE ATTACK.

Mrs. R. Donaldson, an eyewitness said she believed that the heavy gun-firing was an anti-aircraft practice because no air raid alarms had been sounded.

She added that throughout the raid conditions were virtually normal, people actually going out into the streets to watch the dog fight between the attacking raiders and R.A.F. fighters.

Mrs. Donaldson said: "A German plane flew over the city a few hundred feet above the houses, with British planes trailing it. It was last seen heading out to sea with the British planes in pursuit."

British Planes Fly Over Reich

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Oct. 16 (UP).—AN official report says, that despite adverse weather, the R.A.F. carried out a successful night-long reconnaissance over northern and central Germany.

Reconnaissance
LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. carried out another successful reconnaissance flight over Germany on Sunday night.

Despite bad weather they flew over north and central Germany. Reports about the flight indicate that they did not meet with any resistance, although on Saturday night searchlights and anti-aircraft fire were busy around Berlin for two hours.

The best German explanation of this was that a German flier had lost his bearings and had been brought down by German anti-aircraft batteries.

Soviet-China Military Pact

Chungking Displays Ignorance

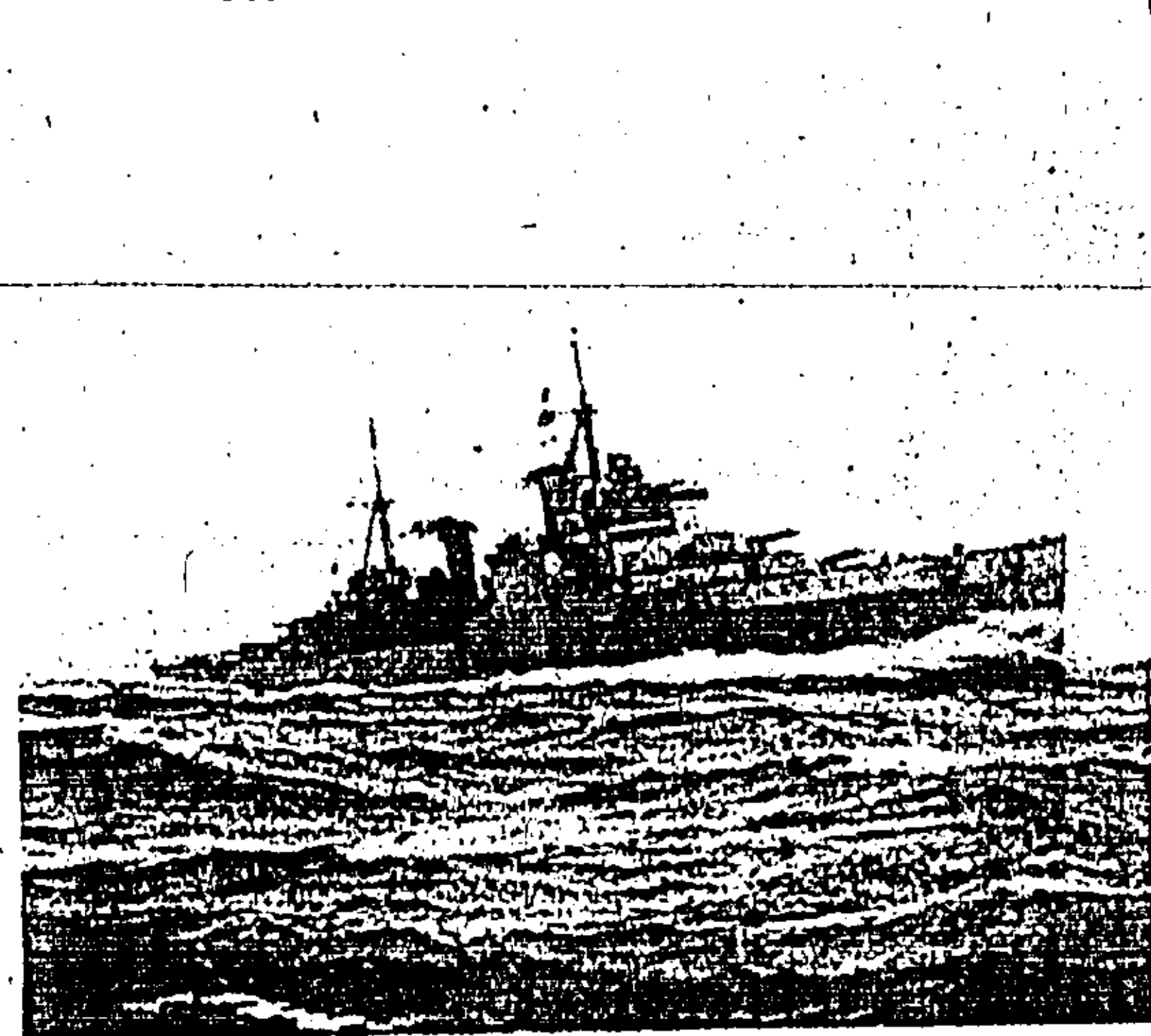
CHUNGKING, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Questioned concerning reports that an early conclusion of a military pact between China and the Soviet Union was to be expected, Chinese officials here to-day refused to comment on the subject.

Neither Chungking nor Moscow, however, point out, have given out any information concerning negotiations for such a pact. Talk of the possibility of a Sino-Soviet military pact being concluded is not new. Such reports became current two years ago immediately following the signing of the non-aggression pact between China and Russia, and have frequently recurred since that time.

Red Cross Fund Now \$406,000

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The Lord Mayor announces that the Red Cross Fund has reached £406,000.

HIT BY A GERMAN BOMB



H.M.S. Southampton, British warship, which was hit and slightly damaged by a German bomb during yesterday's air raid on the Firth of Forth.

Russo-Finnish Issue PRACTICAL SOLUTION EXPECTED

HELSINKI, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—A Foreign Office spokesman said there is every hope of a practical solution being found to the questions discussed at Moscow.

He added that the Finnish Government would go as far as possible to find a way to a peaceful solution, and that M. Paasikivi would return to Moscow as soon as possible to continue conversations.

The statement followed the report by M. Paasikivi to the Government on his talks with M. Stalin and M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

Finns Return

HELSINKI, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The Finnish delegation to Moscow arrived here to-day and were welcomed by members of the Cabinet and the Swedish Minister. They are expected to return to Moscow on Thursday to continue the talks, but this depends on the outcome of the Stockholm conference on Wednesday.

It is reported that the excuse given by Moscow for non-attendance of a Soviet representative at the Finnish Minister's departure was that the representative's car broke down.

Berlin Gift To Netherlands

PARIS, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The Paris edition of the "New York Herald Tribune" carries a report from The Hague that recently the Netherlands General Staff received an unexpected gift from Berlin of 1,500 complete sets of military maps of Germany.

Two days later Berlin requested the Netherlands General Staff to return the courtesy by presenting the German General Staff with Dutch military maps.

The Netherlands replied that they were sorry but they had no extra maps to spare.

Germany And Russia Will Fight

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—GERMANY and Soviet Russia will soon fight each other, is the opinion of Mr. Maurice Hindus, the well-known American writer.

The Russian moves in the Baltic, he says, are Russia's attempts to fortify herself thoroughly against Germany.

Russia and Finland, he believes, will reach a peaceful settlement.

March Into Vilna

Lithuanian Troops Start Taking Over

KAUNAS, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Lithuanian troops now marching into Vilna are taking supplies of sugar, salt, and petrol with them to relieve the shortage.

Soviet troops are now said to be withdrawing to the new Soviet-Lithuanian border.

Occupation To-day
KAUNAS, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Lithuanian troops marched into Vilna territory to-day and will occupy the city on October 17.

The Lithuanian Government proposes to grant citizenship only to people born in Vilna, or living there in November, 1918.

Thus many thousands of Poles will be excluded.

Beer For Tommies
LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Indications of how firmly at home the British Expeditionary Force is in France may be learned from the news that last week 50,000,000 pint bottles of British beer were sent across to the Tommies.

BOMB SPLINTERS CAUSE WARSHIP CASUALTIES

IT IS NOW REVEALED, SAYS A "REUTER" MESSAGE FROM LONDON, THAT H.M.S. SOUTHAMPTON WAS HIT BY A BOMB DURING YESTERDAY'S GERMAN AIR RAID ON THE FIRTH OF FORTH, CAUSING THREE CASUALTIES ABOARD AND SLIGHT DAMAGE TO THE WARSHIP.

The same bomb sank an empty Admiral's barge and a pinnace, while splinters from bombs falling nearby caused seven casualties aboard H.M.S. Edinburgh, and 25 aboard the destroyer Mohawk.

At least four bombers were brought down, adds the "Reuter" report, which quotes an official communique. Two German airmen were rescued by a destroyer, one of whom died.

There were no civilian and no Air Force casualties. The raid was preceded in the morning by several German aircraft reconnoitring Rosyth, which is a naval base.

Raider Is Captured SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

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Triumph For R.A.F. Machines
A later London report revealed that the raid had ended in a complete fiasco for the enemy and a triumph for the Royal Air Force, whose defending machines brought down the three raiders.

It is stated that the raiders' objectives were the Firth of Forth Bridge and naval bases in the vicinity. One German plane is reported to have been shot down in the Firth of Forth, and two others were destroyed in aerial combat in the Fife district or the East Coast of Scotland.

Apparently the Rosyth Naval Base was an objective of the attacking planes.

No Casualties, No Damage
"Reports to date indicate that there are no civilian casualties, and no damage to property," says an official announcement.

Several bombs were dropped by the enemy planes, and a number fell into the sea.

It is added that British fighting machines drove the surviving raiders across the North Sea.

Anti-aircraft stations in the Edinburgh district went into action about 2.30 p.m. to-day when three enemy planes were sighted flying over the city.

Guns, Planes In Action
LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—German aircraft attempted to attack coastal objectives in Scotland this afternoon.

The Royal Air Force engaged the raiders and inflicted casualties. Anti-aircraft guns around Edinburgh were in action just after 2 p.m. British summer-time.

Shells were plainly seen to burst in the sky.

The heaviest firing was near the Firth of Forth. There was also much aerial activity on the south side of the city towards Pentlands Hills. Some aircraft appeared to be in pursuit.

Shrapnel In Streets
Full details of this engagement are hitherto not available, but reports from Edinburgh state that pieces of shrapnel were picked up in the streets in several parts of the city after the anti-aircraft firing had ceased.

One man standing in a shop doorway picked up pieces of shrapnel. PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Norwegian Steamer Mined

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
YMUUDEN, Netherlands, Oct. 16 (UP).—It is reported that the Norwegian Steamer Gressholm, enroute from Stavanger to Antwerp, struck a mine Friday night and sank.

Eight members of the crew were rescued and three were killed.

400 Survivors
LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Further news of the sinking of three French ships has now been received. They were the Bretagne (10,000 tons), Louisiana (7,000 tons) and Minguel (a small craft).

British warships located 400 survivors from the Bretagne and Louisiana. Fifteen lives have been lost by each vessel from shell fire.

Some of the survivors had to swim for two hours before being picked up.

On the Louisiana, the First Officer was killed and a seaman lost an eye. The Bretagne was shelled while life-boats were being lowered.

Women and children were injured by shell splinters and several life-boats were smashed.

LATEST

"Made Rings Around 'Black Plane'"

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Eyewitness accounts of the shooting down of a German bomber in the Firth of Forth raid were given by the crew of a fishing boat which rescued three out of four of the crew of the bomber.

"We saw a large black plane pursued by two British fighters, who made rings round it, firing into its tails. It suddenly heeled over and struck the water, sinking after a short time."

"When we came up, three of the crew were clinging to a life-belt. Then another German plane swooped low over it but made off, our fighters after it."

"Of the three men we rescued, the senior had a bad eye injury, one was shot in the ribs and the third in the arm. All three were grateful for the rescue and the leader gave the skipper a gold signal ring," said a member of the crew of the fishing boat.

All three were taken to hospital on landing. One has since died. Following the raid, many shrapnel fragments were found in several houses and in the streets. Many machine gun bullets were also picked up.

Many windows were broken by the concussion. Another eyewitness said: "There seemed about six bombers being attacked."

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Hongkong, 17th October, 1939.

FOR MANILA CONSUL
Hongkong-Built Yawl Soon
To be Launched

A sturdy 38 ft. yawl, which, when completed will be sailed to Manila by a crew of young Hongkong men, will be launched within a few days at Chean Lee and Company's shipyard, Cheungshawan. It is being built as a pleasure craft for Mr. A. Carmelo, Messrs. Cansal in Manila.

Mr. Carmelo, who holds a Master's ticket for ships up to 100 tons and who is a skilled artist in seascape painting and model ship construction, will arrive by Clipper this week for the launching.

Construction of the craft began in mid-May, but delay in the arrival of accessories from America has put the launching back about three weeks. She will be a vessel of from 10 to 17 tons weight with a beam of 9 ft. 9 1/2 ins. Her yawl rigging will provide for seven sails, with a total canvas spread of almost 1,000 square feet. She will have an auxiliary in the form of a Grey Seal Scout 4-cylinder petrol motor.

Sleeping Space for Six

She has been built of teak throughout and all the rigging is of stainless, corrosionless steel. Designed by Mr. W. F. McNary, American naval architect, she will have comfortable sleeping space for six, with an additional bunk for a Chinese boy, if desired. A Johnson Iron Horse Generator will provide power for electric lighting and a radio receiver. Mr. E. S. Moses, N. S. Moses and Company Ltd. has supervised the building, and he will be one of the crew on the journey to Manila. Mr. L. Stagg will be navigator and Messrs. E. Lammer and Moller will complete the crew. A Chinese boy to serve Mr. Carmelo may also be taken.

Women's Land Army
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HUNDREDS of recruits have enrolled in the Women's Land Army.

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"Many of the volunteers," said Mrs. Walter Elliot, "are office workers and they include stenographers, typists, factory hands and women of independent means."

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Mrs. Elliot, wife of the Minister of Health is chairman of the London Committee.



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HELD NAZIS HAVE
APPEAL RIGHT

OF the 50,000 enemy aliens in Britain only a few hundred have been arrested for reasons of national security. But soon even these will have the right to appeal against internment to a central legal tribunal to be set up by Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary.

This is the Home Office's reply to a German News Bulletin recently, which stated that Germans in the United Kingdom were being arrested and their property confiscated.

The reason for the "enemy action" against aliens is that the Home Office is confident that the machinery which they have prepared to deal with this problem will work quickly and smoothly.

At present Germans are free to leave Britain under the same conditions that apply to British subjects. That is, they need only obtain an exit permit which, in the absence of special reasons, they can obtain without difficulty.

The round-up of aliens between 1914 and 1917 proved a long task. The Home Office have the names and particulars of almost every enemy alien in the country.

There are more than 50,000 German subjects—not including children—at present in Britain, but more than 35,000 are refugees from the Nazi terror.

35,000 REFUGEES

The Home Office are well aware of the problem of spies who have come to England posing as refugees, but they are preparing to deal with every case individually and as fairly as possible.

One hundred independent tribunals of a legal character will be set up throughout the country to examine the cases. These will not be military tribunals.

They will sit in areas where there is a large refugee population—principally in the south of England and in towns along the East Coast.

As the aliens appear before the local tribunals they will be asked how they came into the country, and to declare their sympathies. The tribunals will also consider whether they will make good citizens and also what help they could give in national service.

If the local tribunal decide upon internment, each case will have the individual right to appeal to the central tribunal to be set up to advise the Home Secretary.

H.K. Stock
Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,245 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	274 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	170 n.
Chartered	7 n.
Mercantile, A & B	20 1/4 n.
Mercantile, C & E	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	72 n.

INSURANCES

Cantons	20 1/2 n.
Union	305 n.
China Underwriters	14 n.
H.K. Fire	170 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases	07 n.
Steamboats	12 n.
Indo-China	30 n.
New China	30 n.
Shall (Boards)	85 1/2 n.
Waterboats	810 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	101 n.
Docks	18 n.
Providence	4 n.
New King Sh.	7 1/2 n.
Sh. Docks	125 n.

MINING

Raub's	9 1/2 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 n.

LANDS

Hotels	450 n.
Lands	32 n.
Land 4 1/2 de.	3 n.
Shai Lands	8 n.
Humphreys	12 n.
Sh. Lands	415 n.
Chinese estates	100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	15 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old)	740 n.
Peak Trams (new)	270 n.
Sing. Electric	61 1/2 n.
V. Ferris	22 n.
China Lights (old)	8 n.
China Lights (new)	400 n.
H.K. Electric	50 n.
Mueno Electric	18 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old)	20 n.
Telephones (new)	700 n.
Traction	10 n.
Traction (Pref.)	22 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold. Macq. (old)	14 n.
Cold. Macq. (Pref.)	13 n.
Canton Ice	11 n.
Cements	1425 n.
H.K. Ropes	400 n.

STORES & COTTON MILLS

Dairy Farms (old)	2030 n.
Dairy Farms (new)	10 1/2 n.
Watsons	23 n.
Lane, Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sinclair	180 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments	660 n.
Constructions (old)	155 n.
Constructions (new)	155 n.
Vibro Piling	3 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	30 1/2 n.
G. Bonds	30 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	98 n.
Marsmans (Lon.)	1170 n.
Marsmans (H.K.)	4 n.

POLISH TROOPS
STILL FIGHTING

Paris, Oct. 16 (Reuters).—Polish regular troops are still resisting the German and Russian forces, according to information reaching the Polish Embassy.

It is stated that fighting is still proceeding against the Germans in the region of Suwalki near the Lithuanian frontier, and the Carpathians while the Russians are being opposed on the Polesie marshes and the thickly wooded Mount Bialowieska.

M. Maisky Sees
Lord Halifax

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuters).—It is learned that M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, had an interview with Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Minister, this afternoon.

It is understood that the resumption of economic negotiations was touched upon.

Exchange At
A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/4
T.T. Shanghai	1/2 1/4
T.T. Singapore	52 1/4
T.T. Japan	105 1/2
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	45 1/4
T.T. Batavia	45 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/4
T.T. Saigon	107 1/2
T.T. France	10 1/2
T.T. Germany	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	10 1/2
T.T. Australia	1 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/4
4 m/s France	11 1/4
30 d/s India	84 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N. Y.	3.09 1/2

Hawaiians
Regiment

HONOLULU (UP).—Firm opposition of the War Department ended hopes of the Hawaiian legislature for creation of a "Hawaiian Regiment" of the U. S. Army.

At its last session the territorial legislature adopted a resolution favouring creation of such a unit, which was forwarded to the Senate military affairs committee.

A letter received by Hawaii Sen. George Cooke from Sen. Morris Sheppard, D. Tex., chairman of the committee, cited the War Department's opinion that such a regiment would be detrimental rather than an aid to national defence.

The War Department report made no reference to the varied racial makeup of the island population, in which Japanese outnumber Caucasians, the next largest group, about 2 to 1, but pointed out that long-continued service in one locality would be detrimental to personnel involved, especially officers.

In reference to the situation at Puerto Rico, the report said: "The fact that the enlisted personnel of the 65th Infantry is composed of Puerto Ricans and that the regiment is normally stationed in Puerto Rico in time of peace, should not be considered as a precedent for the establishment of an organization in the regular army, which entails restrictions as to personnel or locality of service, thus preventing the War Department from exercising that complete control essential to its responsibilities for national defence."

RUSSO-TURKISH
TALKS RESUME

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (Reuters).—M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was received by M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, at the Kremlin at 4 p.m. to-day, states a German News Agency message from Moscow.

The message adds that Russo-Turkish negotiations have thus been resumed.

Mass By Radio For
Maginot Line

PARIS. As 500 French priests have been mobilised, one priest in Paris has led the chanting of a Mass by radio, says the newspaper Le Jour.

The broadcast was made from the Radio-France station, where Father Fabrice, of the Dominican Order, set up a radio-chapel and invited for his unseen hearers many of whom are stated to have been soldiers in the Maginot Line, as well as for sick people deprived of visits from clergy.

As the forts along the frontier are plentifully supplied with wireless sets, it is intended to repeat the exhortation.

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 17, 1889.

In the Government Gazette tenders are invited for re-casting the Fire Alarm Bell in the Clock Tower. The present "bell" is to be taken over by the contractor, and a new one cast in its place of the same size and shape, of good sound bell metal, of good tone, furnished with all the necessary mountings, and fitted in place. So far, so good. Nobody will deny that our present central fire alarm leaves much to be desired; it is, in fact, quite inadequate for the purpose intended, and it is a matter for rejoicing that the Government authorities, after so many years of solemn cogitation, have at last recognised a necessity that has always been apparent to everybody else, and has been the constant subject of complaint by our local firemen for more than a decade. But surely the Government does not intend to confine reform in this direction to merely removing the old fire-bell? Has not the time arrived when the clock tower, which has been a landmark in the city since the days of the old tower itself, has become a matter of public necessity?

We submit that it has, and would endorse the consideration of the Governor and the Surveyor-General for what is almost universally conceded would be an important improvement in the most central part of town. The Clock Tower may possibly have been an ornament and not an obstruction in its present position, when erected, but if, as times have changed, and while the ornamental attributes have long since passed out of sight, the structure, with the very largely increased population and traffic, has become a public nuisance.

There are, however, plenty of places available where it would be far more ornamental and certainly more useful than it is obstructing the traffic in the middle of our most crowded thoroughfare. Probably the best site in the city would be the vacant ground in front of the Central Police Station, which has been lying fallow since the great fire ten years ago.

25 YEARS AGO

Oct. 17, 1914.

The Admiralty announced that H.M.S. Yarmouth (off the China Squadron) has sunk the German liner Markomannia in the vicinity of Sumatra and captured the Greek steamer Ptolemais, both of which previously accompanied the cruiser Emden. Sixty German prisoners were taken.

Never has Plymouth witnessed such scenes as attended the reception of the welcome committee, the great family Empress liners, painted Navy grey, attracted the entire populace, and street was kept up throughout the day.

The London daily papers may have their private reasons for quarrelling with the press censorship, but in the main their criticisms convey a reasonable public grievance. News has been steadily being published in London, out any adequate reason; mysteries have been made where there was no occasion for any. The result has been to create a state of uneasiness, anxiety, especially in soldiers' families, and to leave the field open for the private dissemination of the wildest rumours, which have come over the country from month to month during the last three weeks in a manner not to be compared with the dissemination of an organised business.

The most obvious and practical remedy for this state of things is to reinforce the official Press Bureau with some journalist of approved editorial experience. It is impossible to understand why this step has been rejected. The editing and publication of news is a technical art. It is not to be expected that eight military and naval warlike, however, directed by a K.C., M.P., however learned in the law and politics, can master the niceties of this art by the light of nature. Some would be more reasonable to entrust nine newspaper editors—men who, ex officio, know everything—with the duties of the Army Council.

10 YEARS AGO

Berlin, Oct. 17, 1929.

Trays containing a remarkable assortment of revolvers, daggers, knuckledusters, corkscrews and other weapons, said to have been taken from party meetings of the Nationalist Socialists in Berlin were "exhibited" in the Prussian Diet when a storm debate followed the submission of a Nationalist Socialist motion of non-confidence over the dissolution of the "Steel Helmets."

The dissolution was carried into effect by Herr Grzesinski, the Socialist Minister for the Interior for Prussia. President Hindenburg is the honorary president of the organisation.

The appearance of the exhibits provoked a pandemonium in the Diet, and the Speaker was forced to order a temporary suspension.

When the Diet resumed its sitting, Herr Grzesinski warmly defended his drastic action, which he said was taken on the basis of the evidence that the Nationalist Socialists were training a fighting military force.

He uttered a stern admonition to the members of the Republic, saying that "those who refuse to hear my warning must feel."

5 YEARS AGO

Oct. 17, 1934.

For many years the Bank has undoubtedly added to British prestige and has enjoyed the confidence not only on both local and Home Governments, but also of foreign Governments, especially that of China, said H. E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, speaking at the luncheon of the Foundation Stone of the new Head Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, a ceremony, he performed in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering.

PARIS IS STILL
GAY—TILL 11 P.M.

PARIS. PARIS, has jumped into its war-time stride.

For a few days the general mobilisation meant the shutting down of all big restaurants and many of the bars, the closing of theatres and cinemas, the sudden halting of the gay social round.

But restrictions are already being relaxed. Restaurants which had to close because all their waiters and chefs were rushed into the army are reopening with staffs of older men. The only difference in this new kind of Paris night life is that it ends suddenly and definitely at 11 o'clock. The after-midnight gaiety here has gone to sleep for the duration.

"CONCERT ENGLISH"

The Folies Bergere and Casino de Paris are shut for the moment. But there is hope that they will be reopened by the time the troops come back on the first away-from-the-front leave.

All the old-time artists, people who have long since retired and never expected to strut the stage again, are being rounded up. There is a big demand for comedians who can imitate Hitler.

Most Paris cinemas are shut, but some are expected to reopen soon—mostly with English films.

Sure sign that Paris is feeling more itself again is that taxis are quite plentiful.

MAUVE TAXIS

For years they have had in Paris yellow taxis, red taxis, green taxis, and cream taxis. And recently there were two or three in bright mauve.

So far there is little sign of profiteering.

Three soldiers just mobilised asked a taxi-driver to drive them to the station. He said "I'd prefer to wait for someone who will pay me more money." That driver is now in hospital.

Shopkeepers are competing with each other to find the most striking way of plastering signs of paper to their plate-glass windows.

Most of the dressmaking shops, instead of trying to think out some original line for the autumn, are hard at work making clothing for the troops.

One leading designer said: "I am concentrating on devising what I call an air raid suit for women. It will be a simple costume with zip fasteners which will enable the ordinary woman who is woken up by the alarms to dress in two minutes and still look her best."

Paris war or no war, is still a bright place.

EYEWITNESS
ACCOUNTS OF
BIG GERMAN
AIR DEBACLE

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still warm, which fell a few yards away from him.

Air raid sirens were not sounded. There was also much aerial activity over the north district of Edinburgh.

Three fighters were seen streaking across the sky at a low altitude.

Accurate Firing

No sooner had the machines dipped behind the hills than the anti-aircraft guns opened fire. White smoke puffs were visible in the sky just behind the planes.

Soon afterwards a twin-engined machine flew at a low height from the direction of the city and swooped behind a hill.

For a few moments the roar of machine-gun was heard. The plane returned further north, and a salvo of shell burst appeared at its tail. Individual bursts followed the plane round in the sky towards Fentland Hills.

A report circulating in Edinburgh stated that three enemy planes had flown up north.

Fruitless Raid

The daring daylight German air raid on Scottish Coast objectives this afternoon resulted fruitlessly for the raiders, one of which is reported to have been brought down in Fifeshire, and another in the Firth of Forth.

The remainder were driven across the North Sea by British fighters.

Splinters from A.A. shells fell on numerous Fife towns. It is understood no bombs were dropped on land, though some are believed to have fallen on water.

It is officially announced that no material damage was done.

Eight Attackers Reported

It is still unknown how many German planes participated in the raid. One eye-witness declares that he saw eight.

One of the best eye-witness' account of the air raid was given by passengers on trains crossing the Forth Bridge, which seems to have been one of the raiders' objectives. They saw planes swoop and unload bombs at a low altitude.

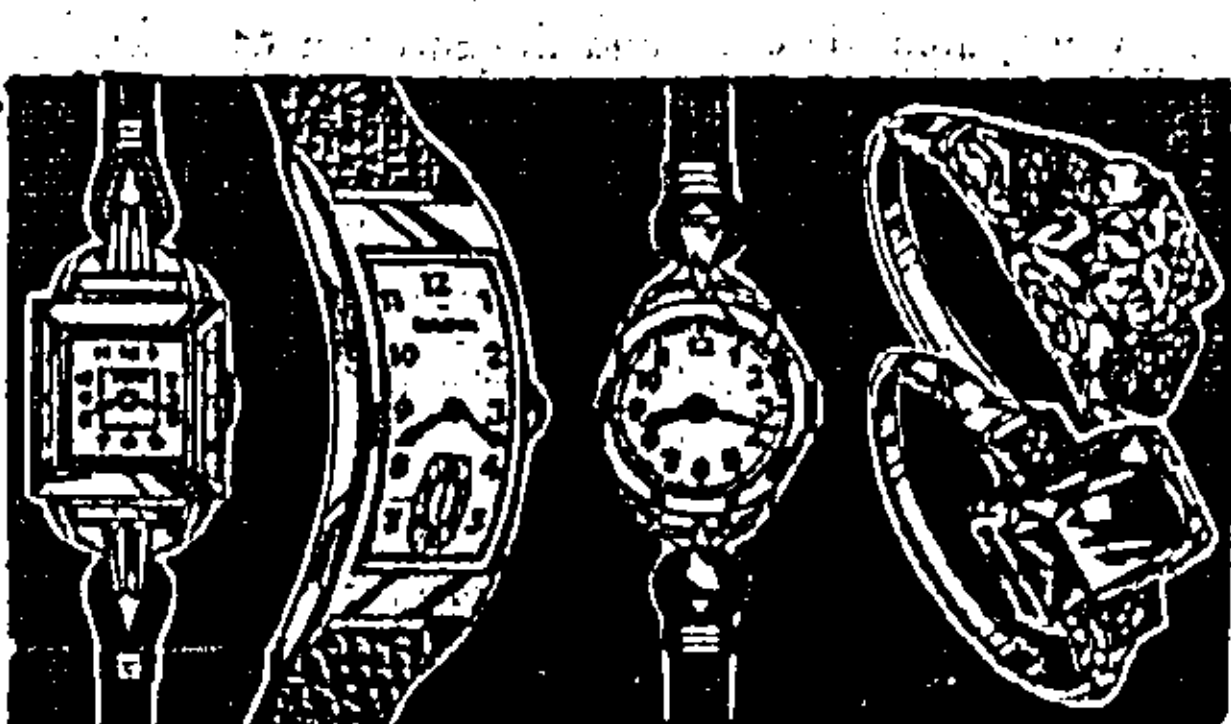
Columns shooting up from the river indicated where the missiles were falling.

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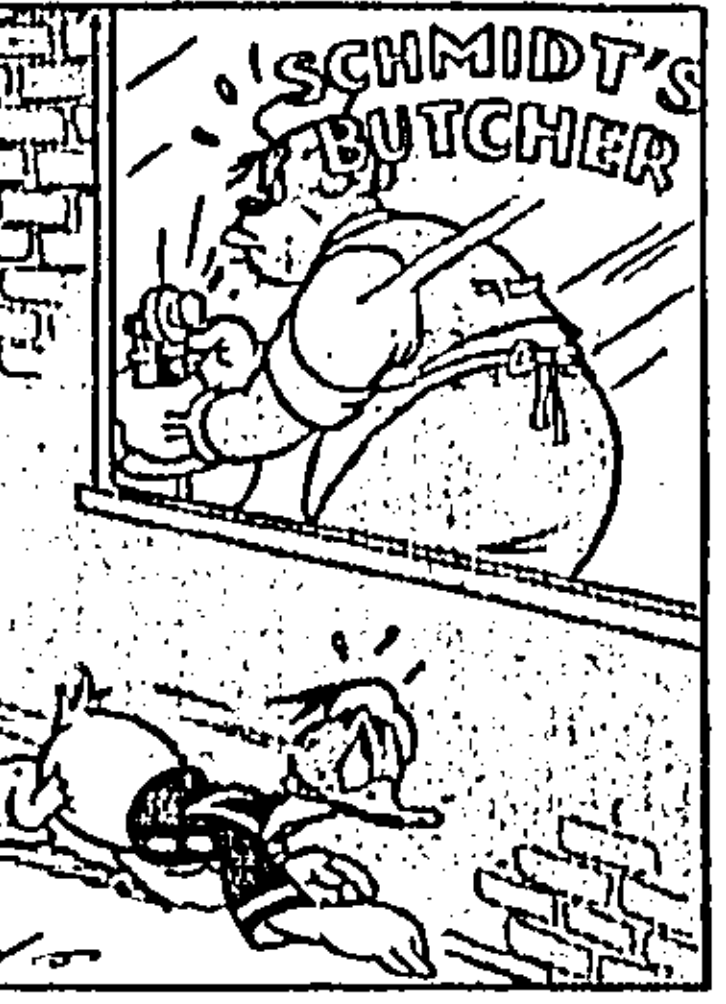
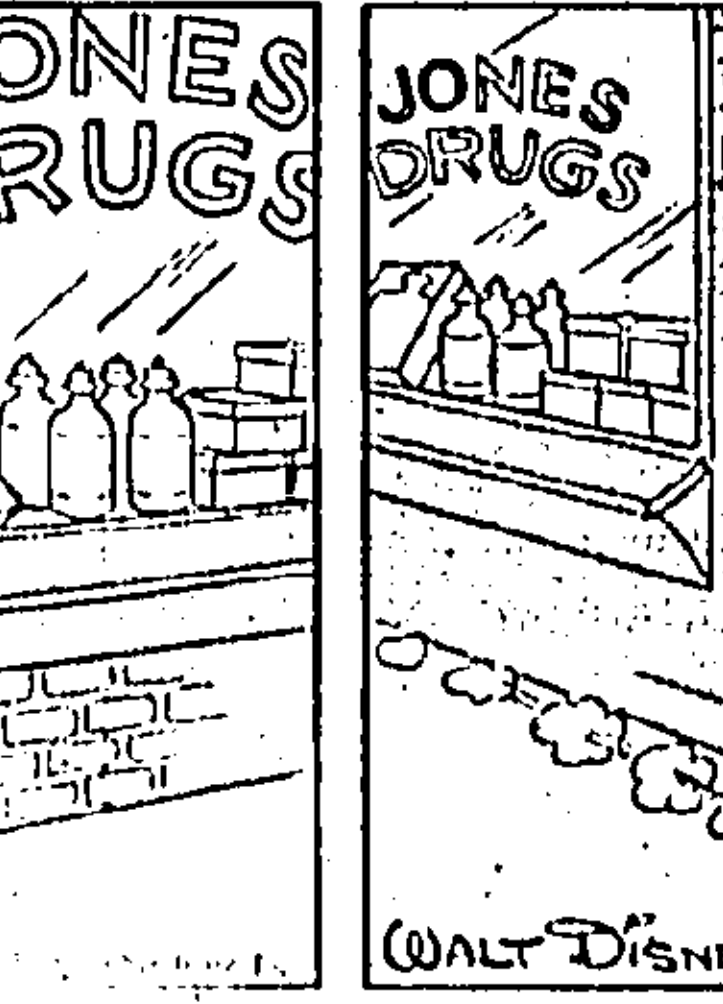
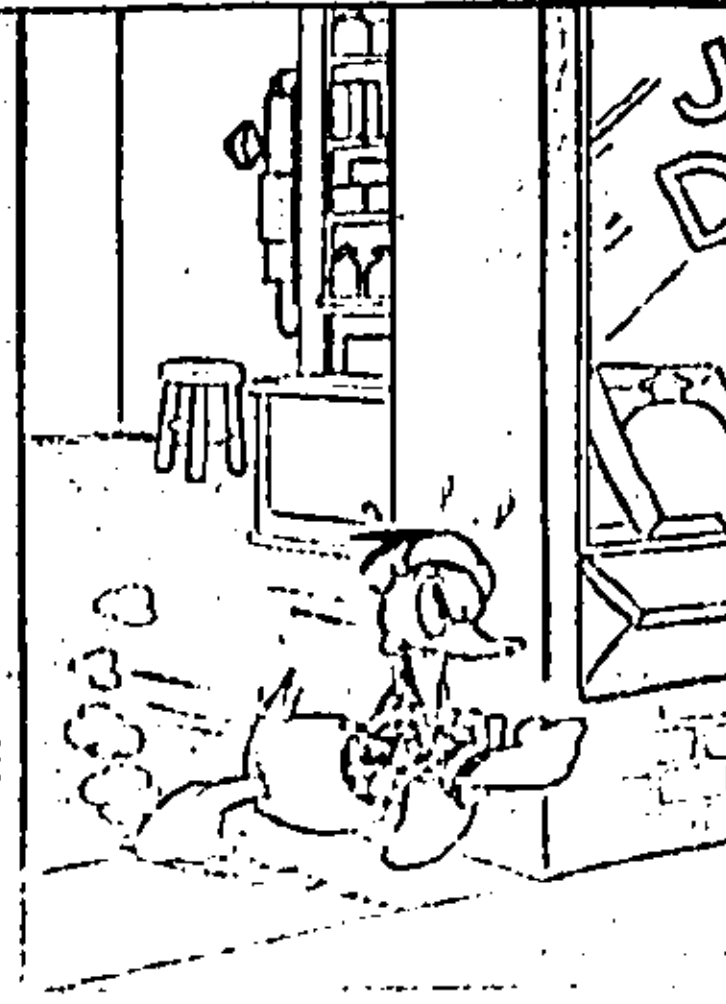
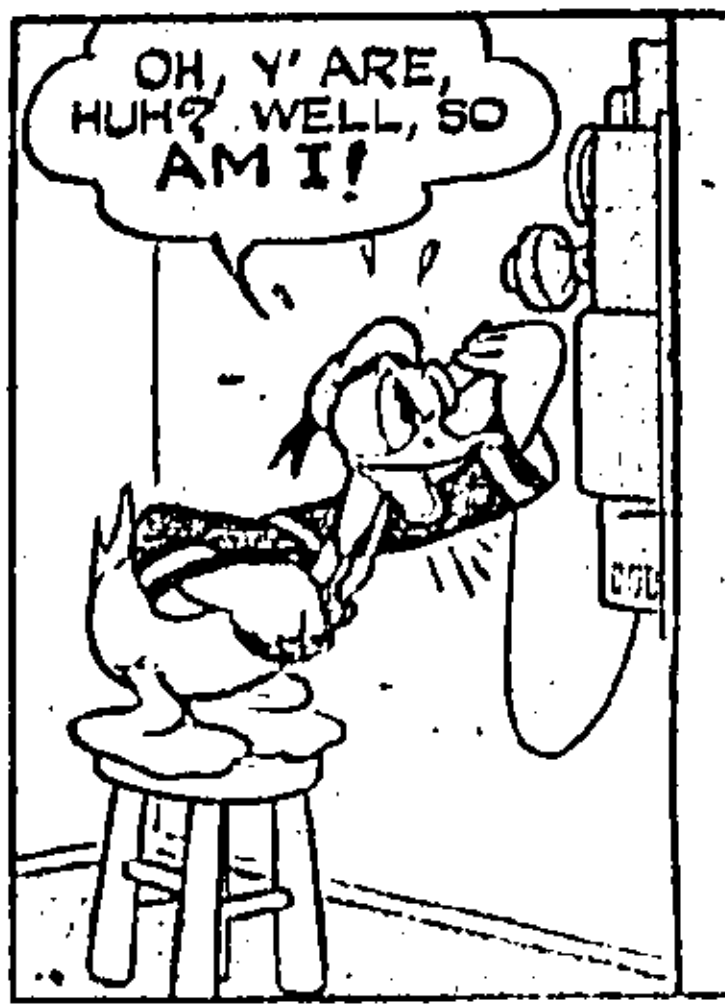
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PREPARING FOR
BIG ATTACKGerman Tanks Said
Massing Nr. Moselle

PARIS, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—German artillery on the western front has been silent as if afraid to reveal itself and thus draw counterfire.

A constant rumbling of engines suggests that tanks are massing for an attack.

PARIS, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states:

Germans Attack

"This morning on a front of about four miles, the Germans launched an attack, supported by artillery fire, immediately to the east of Moselle. They occupied the heights of Schœnberg, on which we had light observation posts, supported by land mines."

"Caught under our fire, the enemy attack came to a halt and they had to withdraw to the north of Apsch, in which village they had momentarily penetrated."

"During the second week in October the French Navy held up 25,000 tons of goods destined for Germany."

The bulk of the preparations are on the front 65 to 75 miles between Moselle and the Forest of Hainaut. It is felt here that Hitler may state all of Germany's might in an effort to break through the Maginot Line regardless of the cost of lives.

Probable German Tactics

Judging by the previous German tactics, it is estimated that the attacks will come all along the Rhine-Moselle front, which will be most heavily pressed on two or three points along level ground, by masses of tanks supported by intense action of planes flying low and machine-gunning in order to prevent anti-aircraft action against bombers who follow them.

The French have made all preparations for these eventualities.

German tanks must pass minefields and areas swept by fire, while German planes will be faced by a barrage of bullets and shells.

British troops, according to "Excelsior," are also manning part on the Maginot Line on the Rhine front and the Germans, if they attack that sector, will be up against 30,000 men of the British Army, highly trained in the use of modern weapons and now trained in manning the complicated mechanism of the Maginot Line which can face an adversary with a rain of fire and death, through which neither man nor machine can pass.

These 30,000 troops are regarded here as the forerunners of what the Germans have to face. Before long 32 British divisions will be in France.

Winter Offensive?

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—In the view of some circles, the German High Command may be "compelled" to launch a winter offensive.

Reports from Paris state that there is great activity behind the German lines between Moselle and the Saar.

There was every sign on Sunday night that re-inforcements were being brought up, including many tanks and armoured cars.

As a result French artillery has been very active.

If the Germans do launch a major attack, the Allied Command is confident.

A German offensive would be a desperate move which would result in the loss of many German lives and much valuable material difficult to replace.

Air Mission To
Canada Arrives

OTTAWA, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The British Air Mission has arrived.

A communiqué states that it is confidently hoped to devise plans for building up a combined Empire Air Force, which will play a decisive role in the war.

The New Zealand and Australian Missions are expected to arrive shortly.

German-Yugoslav
Trade Protocol

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The German-Yugoslav Trade Protocol was signed in Belgrade to-day.

On the German side, measures will be taken to ensure, even under present circumstances, payment for Yugoslav exports and supply German goods.

Allied Planes
Shot Down

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (UP).—

The High Command announced that one British bombing plane was shot down near Grossgerau by anti-aircraft gun fire. One man of the crew was killed and three others were taken prisoner.

This morning one French reconnaissance plane was shot down near Germerheim. One man was killed and two wounded, the latter being transferred to hospital immediately.

WATER IN STORAGE

Ample Supplies Available
In Colony Reservoirs

FIGURES FOR OCTOBER

There were over 5,700,000,000 gallons of water in storage in the Colony's reservoirs at the beginning of this month, which is about 1,200,000,000 gallons more than the amount in storage at this time last year, according to the latest water returns.

The total in the island reservoirs is 2,205,000,000 gallons, against 1,594,000,000 last year, and in the Kowloon reservoirs 3,495,000,000 against 1,837,000,000.

The consumption of filtered water in the city and hill districts during the month was 19.8 gallons per head per day as against 25.1 last year. The total consumed during the month was 549,000,000 gallons.

In Kowloon and New Kowloon too the consumption per head per day has dropped appreciably, the amount being 14.5 gallons against 19.1 last year. However, the total consumption both in the city and in Kowloon was appreciably higher, the lower rate per head being due to the greatly increased population.

The total consumption on the mainland was about 402,000,000 gallons as against 295,000,000 gallons last October.

The hours of supply during the month were restricted to seventeen (5 a.m. to 10 p.m.).

The population figures are given as 960,000 in city and hill district, against 550,000 last year, and 800,000 in Kowloon and New Kowloon, against 500,000 last year.

Negus Spends
Fortnight In
Boy's Camp

SWANSEA.

Halle Selassie recently spent two weeks in camp with the staff and 60 boys of the Secondary School of the Bible College of Wales at Penlenger, five miles from here.

When he visited the college at which two of his nephews are studying he was so impressed with its work that he asked if he could spend a holiday among the students.

The Negus slept on a camp bed in a small, square canvas tent, and, except for small details, his daily routine was the same as that of the boys.

"I am here for quiet and a rest," he said, "I like Swansea and the camp is so comfortable."



SHEKKI IN RUINS.—This is what parts of Shekhi, well-known Chinese city near Macao looked like after the recent Japanese air raids, which devastated the place, and left shambles for buildings.

German Warship Sunk
In Running Battle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERGEN, Oct. 16 (UP).—Fishermen returning from the Vangoe Islands off Stadlandet described a two hour running battle last Saturday in which three battleships and several airplanes, believed to have been British, attacked and apparently sunk a single warship, believed to have been German.

They said that they had been forced to detour the battle zone but watched the running battle through telescopes. They said that the warship which was attacked, attempted to escape into the coastal three mile limit zone but was heavily damaged and badly waterlogged when the attackers returned to the westward.

Seen By Fishermen

OSLO, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—A report that a German warship was sunk comes from fishermen, who state that three British warships and a British plane attacked a German warship in neutral waters off the west coast of Norway on Saturday.

Shots were fired, after which a column of smoke rose from the water and the British ships sailed away.

Latest Repulse Claim
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (UP).—The Supreme Command without explanation, amended their communiqué, stating that the Repulse had been attacked and torpedoed.

Both the High Command and the Ministry of Propaganda said that they knew nothing regarding the casualties.

In London, Naval circles ridiculed the reports regarding the Repulse, branding them as "further piece of German propaganda."

"Severely Damaged"
BERLIN, Oct. 16 (UP).—The High Command told the "United Press" that the amended communiqué regarding the Repulse was not an indication of weakening the original claims.

They said: "If anything, it is more strongly worded. The fact that the ship was torpedoed means it was severely damaged."

One Ship, Attacks Three
STOCKHOLM, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—A warship was seen firing on three others off Nordfjord, according to the "Aftonbladet."

One ship was hit and observers saw spectators report clouds of smoke ascending from it.

Amended Version
LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The German claim with regard to H.M.S.

Threats, Hopes
And FearsMedley Of Reactions
In Germany

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—A medley of pleas, threats, hopes and fears is the keynote of press comment this morning.

The papers continue to comment on Mr. Chamberlain's speech and suggest that Britain and France must make the next political move, but with fundamental change of views on aims and persons.

Possible Appeal To
Roosevelt, Mussolini

HELSINKI, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Reports circulating in well-informed quarters here suggest that the possibility of asking President Roosevelt and Signor Mussolini to assume the role of general peace mediators will be considered at the Four-Power conference of the Scandinavian kings and the Finnish President at Stockholm on Wednesday.

The Management of the Lido advises that the usual Dinner Dances at that Establishment will be discontinued as from to-morrow until further notice.

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1.05 Dance Music with Ruth Eiting (Vocal).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Gilbert and Sullivan Selections.

From "The Yeomen Of The Guard" and "Trial By Jury."

2.15 Close Down.

6.0 Dance Music.

6.15 London Relay—News Supplement.

6.55 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.57 Itaque Miller, Tito Schipa and the Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro in a Spanish Programme.

7.30 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Songs by Joseph Schmidt (Tenor).

8.12 Moszkowski—From Foreign Lands Suite.

8.25 A Light Variety Programme with Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 Rimsky-Korsakov—Scheherazade, Op. 35.

10.15 Gounod's "Faust" Acts IV

11.00 Close Down.

MOST GERMANS
STILL DON'T
KNOW THE TRUTH

(Continued from Page 4.)

tages in a contest of endurance. We have not made that mistake. The final tuning-up of our sinews is still going on.

The first real strain on the martial temper of the Germans came when they finished with Poland, they brought forward the question of peace.

Our refusal to make peace on any terms out the evacuation of Polish territory has shaken the complacency with which the German man-in-the-street has followed the Führer's hitherto uninterrupted series of successes.

Then, with Britain and France getting steadily stronger while Germany's power began to decline; and with more and more neutral States adhering to the cause of the manifest future conquerors, the process of wearing down German resistance will go on until one day, like a steel girder eaten through with rust, it snaps—as it did last time.

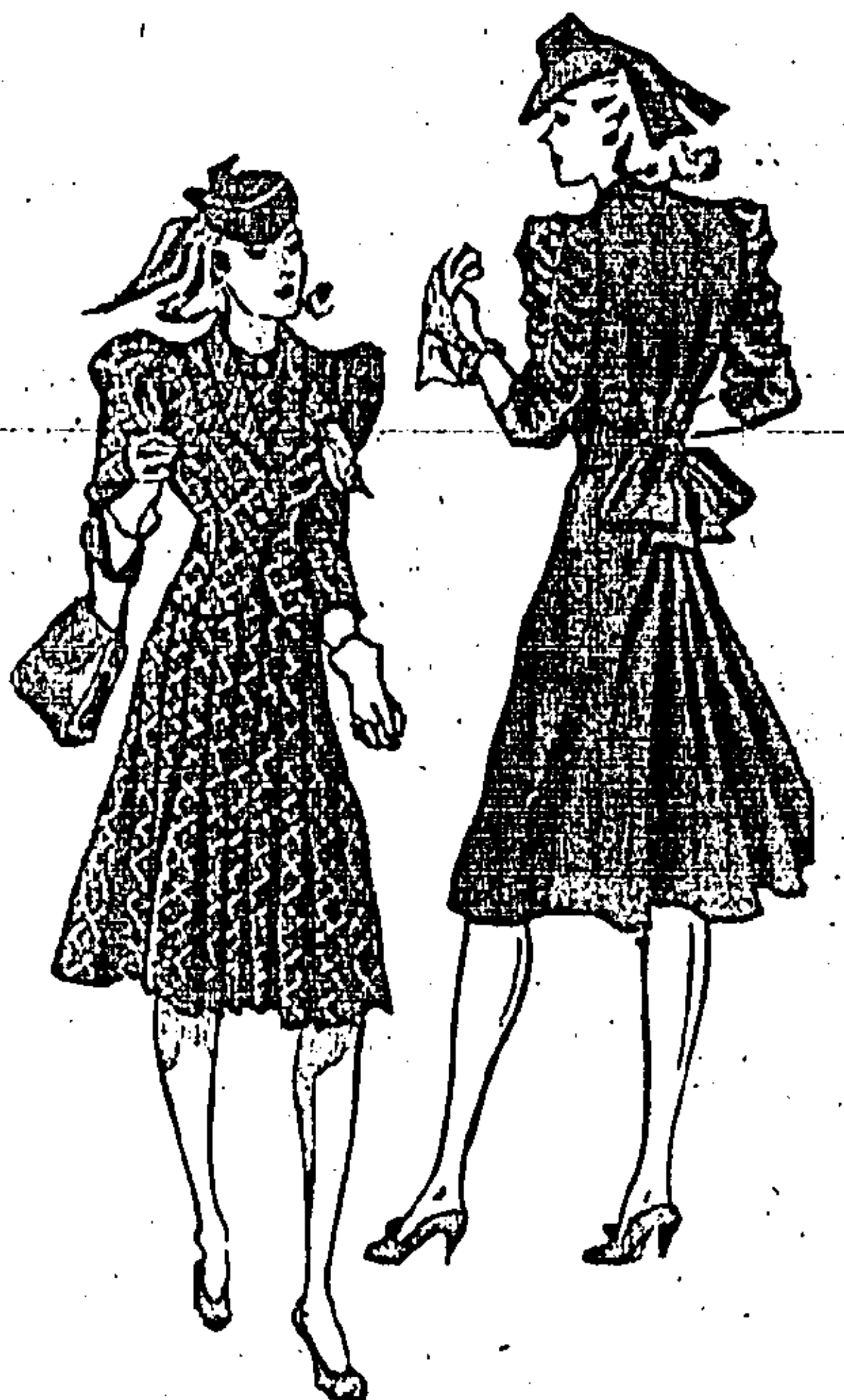
At present, the fact that the only missiles which have fallen in the interior of Germany are pamphlets is represented to the German people as a symptom of Britain's fear that military action might provoke the German forces to retaliation.

This unexpectedly gradual entry into war conditions has, however, great advantages for us. In untroubled safety and perfect weather all our preparations have been completed, so that, when the war suddenly enters on the intensive phase which must inevitably come, we shall have done everything possible to meet it.

Meanwhile, it is a privilege to be members of a nation which is fully informed of what is going on, instead of being hoodwinked and blinkered like the Germans.

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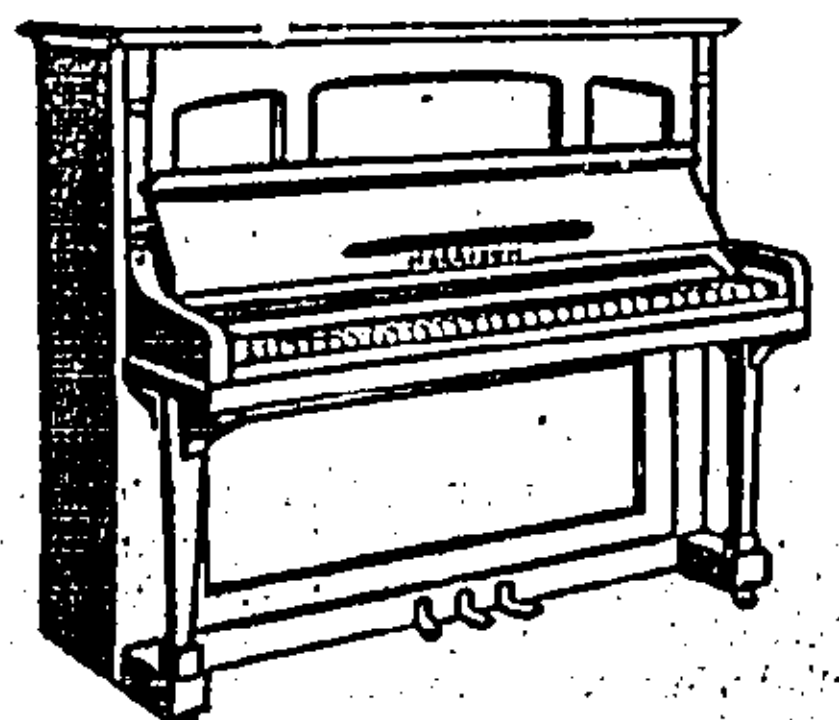
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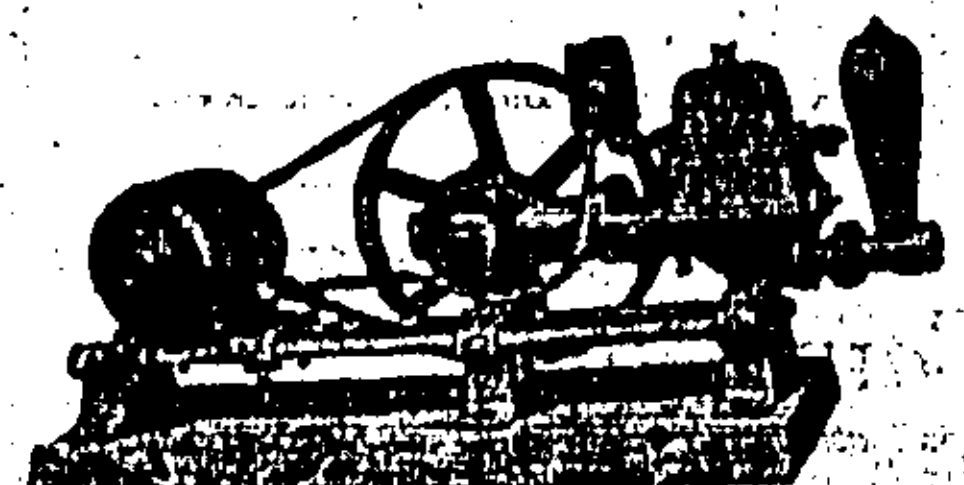


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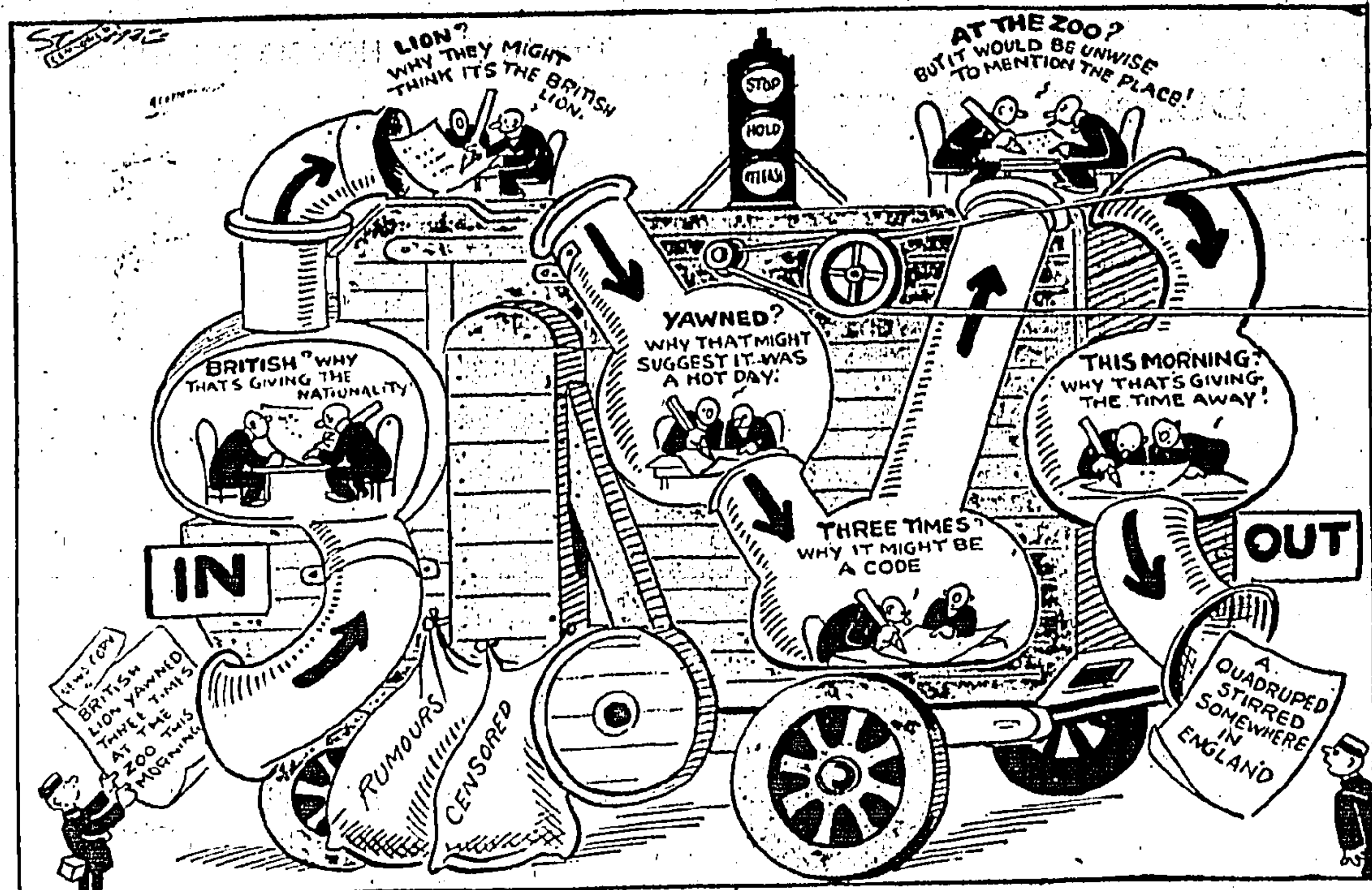
HITHERTO there has been an inclination to dismiss reports of internal dissension within the Wilhelmstrasse and the German army as propaganda, but the well-authenticated press reports from neutral sources proclaiming the arrest and detention of former Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal von Blomberg and five other high German army officers, as well as the highly mysterious death of General von Fritsch, leaves little room for doubt that Hitler is finding it increasingly difficult to get along with those who would normally be regarded as indispensable during the present crisis.

It appears that von Blomberg is to become another victim of Hitler's extraordinary whims. By 1933 he had already thrown over the one man who had made the "allegiance" of the Reichswehr to Nazism possible. The pretext was laughable for its flimsiness. Von Blomberg apparently had incurred some of the younger officers because he would not conform to the army's matrimonial code. Hitler therefore discarded overnight his most powerful ally of 1932, and by so doing aroused the ire and dislike of the majority of Von Blomberg's contemporaries with whom he was a firm favourite. It was Von Blomberg who made it possible for Hitler to dispose of General von Schleicher and his wife during the brutal 1934 purge, and for the first six years of Hitler's reign did everything he could to bring the Reichswehr in closer relation to the Nazi Party. The result was loss of personal popularity among his colleagues, and as a final humiliation, disownment by Hitler.

The methods are typical of the German dictator. He did the same with Roehm, his best friend, and it seems he has knifed in the back Von Fritsch, another gallant officer, whose loyalty to the German State has never been questioned.

These barbaric methods of eliminating internal embarrassments have so far succeeded, but Hitler seems to be in danger of confusing the effect of his Party purge of 1934 with a military purge of 1939. He will awaken to his error when he finds that the Reichswehr, although perhaps capable of petty jealousies, is just as jealous for its own good name, and the good name of its high officers. Hitler may imagine that he can take supreme command of the German army, but he will never be allowed to do so by his Reichswehr, who are still powerful to make or break the dictator.

The Reichswehr are fully aware that army purges in the middle of a war are a real sign of weakness; in this case it is not the weakness of the army or its leaders, but of Hitler, the dictator. The Reichs-



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(There are 999 persons on the staff of the Ministry of Information)
—Strube in the London "Daily Express"

Most Germans still don't know the truth

by
G. Ward Price

WHAT are the German people thinking about this war? Not the party officials left to keep watch upon the civil population, but the ordinary, stay-at-home citizen, too old to have been called up yet, who is consequently carrying on his job as shopkeeper or craftsman, or farmworker?

What is he saying over his 20-per-cent-watered beer while he sits at his Stammtisch?—as they call a table reserved for a particular set of customers.

In Nazi eyes, these older people count only as citizens of the second class, yet, in a long war, it is they—the people who keep the factories, mines, and food-crops going—whose endurance will matter more than any other element of national defence.

Not being members of the party—for few of them had joined before Hitler came to power, and now only the young are eligible—they have not sworn the oaths or experienced the strict schooling of Nazi discipline. Of course, they greet each other with Heil Hitler, and are always ready to hang out flags to order, since that is elementary prudence in Germany.

THEY belong to the type of whom their Blackwarte, or local party supervisor, reports to his chiefs that they are respectable and politically gut-gesinnt, or politically well-disposed.

Such people have only the German wireless and the stereotyped Press to tell them what is going on, and there can be no doubt that to their simple minds Germany's war-plans seem to have been crowned with success.

They think they are seeing fulfilment of the Führer's promise—a cheap and short war of conquest in the East, with the German "West Wall," as they now call the Siegfried Line, securely holding their adversaries at bay in the West.

"Mensch, ich sage Dir!" I can almost hear them saying, with portentous earnestness and bulging eyes, "I tell you, the

wehr is more likely to depose Hitler before permitting the world to believe that there is a vital weakness in the German Military Machine, and Hitler will be seeking a much earlier doom than awaits him at the hands of the Allies if he permits his petty whims to take precedence in such vital decisions.

Führer das ist ein Mann! He knows what he is about! Sham-berland und Daladier—what can they do against him? First he conquers Poland; then he turns on France and England, who will either have to submit to our terms or be smashed to pieces."

And the rest of the evening would be devoted to discussion of how Germany could best divide up the British Empire.

IN view of the Army's successes against the Poles, public morale in Germany is probably better than it was when the war began, six weeks ago. The Polish victory has convinced the German people that all is going according to Hitler's infallible plan.

At this stage no immediate result can be expected, therefore, from the dropping of propaganda pamphlets over Germany. Appeals to the pacific

instincts of the rank and file of the country will be without success so long as Germany remains flushed with victory. The German who is not gripped by the party machine, however, is likely to become pacific when things begin to go wrong for his side.

It would be too much to expect any weakening of spirit in Germany now, for she is at the climax of her material preparations and moral fortitude. We shall reach our own peak only in a few months' time.

The advantage of this situation lies with Britain. Among us, limitations of supplies and vexations of control have yet to begin, while over there they have been operating for some time.

EVERY athlete knows that to be overtrained is one of the worst of disadvantages. PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



—and here's how Junior mopped up on me when I tried out our best attack manoeuvre on him last night."

"UJT JT JO D JQIFS"

—"this
is in cipher"

(but one of the simplest of all ciphers, dear to schoolboys. Do you see how it works?)

MAYBE it is simple. But if you tried to send a cable like this from Hongkong you'd be pulled up quickly.

Cipher is hard to break, unless you have the key. But the British Intelligence Department broke the strongest German ciphers during the last war.

It deals with all types of codes and ciphers. The difference between a code and a cipher is this: In a code, a code-word (four, five or seven letters long) stands for maybe a whole sentence of message, whereas a cipher is a letter-for-letter affair. You usually need a code book or dictionary for codes, and the code book can only hold a limited number of phrases.

Ciphers express more exact shades of meaning, and so you can take it that Hitler's message was sent in cipher rather than in code. The British ciphers and codes are changed at irregular intervals in order to keep foreign secret services guessing.

The Foreign Office uses code instead of cipher for shorter routine messages. The Secret Service also prefers code, which shortens messages most conveniently. The Navy prefers code because it is very hard to "break." (Even if one word is decoded the other words may remain hidden).

The Army prefers cipher—the danger of code-books falling into enemy hands is too great. Since the 1914-18 war, cipher-writing machines have come out. You type on them as if you were using a typewriter, but certain adjustable cogs and cams turn your message into cipher—so effectively that the tell-tale letters "th" (whose constant reappearance is the giveaway to many of the simpler ciphers) will not have the same equivalents more than once in 500 times.

But these machines will never be camp followers of the Army. Besides being heavy to move around they need plenty of electricity—not easily laid on to the front line.

Making new ciphers needs ingenuity, but making new codes may involve three to four years' hard work. So says Mr. Ernest Quick, seventy-two-year-old director of one of the most successful commercial shipping codes.

Quick, born in Fetter-lane, was a gold prospector at nineteen. He then went round the world selling maps and code books to shipping companies.

The code in which he is interested has 530,000 different phrases, including 6,500 on oil, 130,000 on names of goods with their combinations, 1,525 phrases on Danzig, and mathematical percentage tables.

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Mr. Quick also sells code books which you can fill in with your own phrases (£2), or you can have a private cipher. Many business men have one which they change every week or so.

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*Put each letter back one in the alphabet.



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LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter Bulletin).—One of the explanations for German evacuation of the Baltic States is given by the Riga correspondent of "The Times."

He states that Hitler sold Germany's European colonies to Stalin for liquid gold. The evacuation was made with such speed because Hitler needed the gold badly and Stalin required him to relinquish the holdings in the Baltic States before he made his first consignment of Russian gold.

REPULSE
CLAIM BY
GERMANS

Berlin, Oct. 16. The German High Command in a communique states that a U-boat torpedoed and badly damaged the British battleship Repulse.

It is stated that the U-boat responsible for the attack was the same which sank H.M.S. Royal Oak.

H.M.S. Repulse was rendered unfit for action.—United Press.

Admiralty Silent

LONDON, Oct. 16. The British Admiralty have no comment to make on the German claim, but naval circles dismiss it as another "typical example of German propaganda."—Reuter.

Highly Efficient Class

Attached to the Battle Cruiser Squadron of the Home Fleet, H.M.S. Repulse is a vessel of 22,000 tons. Her armament consists of six 15-inch guns, twelve 4-inch, four 6-inch anti-aircraft, and four 3-pounds. She was re-commissioned at Portsmouth in January, 1939.

H.M.S. Repulse was originally scheduled to convey the King and Queen to Canada. Certain modifications so as not to interfere with the ship's fighting efficiency, but this plan was later cancelled owing to the political situation which necessitated the retaining of the ship in Home waters.

The Repulse visited Lieben early in February last year along with other British warships and received a rousing welcome.

The Repulse and Renown form a class on their own.

German Threat

Stockholm, Oct. 16. Reports from Swedish correspondents in Berlin all relate to the emphasis now placed by Germany on the fight for sea power. "The Wilhelmstrasse," according to the *Dagbladet*, hints that Germany is hoping to break Britain's mastery of the sea by means of submarines and aircraft.—Reuter.

Submarines Lost

Paris, Oct. 16. Further details of the destruction of three U-boats by the British Navy have been received at French general headquarters, according to M. Morice, writing in *Le Petit Parisien*. He says that the U-boats were highly efficient depth charges were used. One of the submarines dived to avert danger, but having been irreparably damaged had to come up again. A part of the crew, realising the danger, jumped into the sea, while the submarine, diving rapidly, hit the bottom with the greater part of the officers and men aboard.—Reuter.

Norwegian Ship Lost

LONDON, Oct. 16. Another Norwegian steamer was sunk when she struck a mine in the North Sea. Three of the crew were killed and the rest were rescued. The ship was on the way from Norway to Antwerp.—Reuter Bulletin.

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A distinguished Indian industrial and commercial magnate, Mr. Walchand Hirachand, will arrive tomorrow by the *Clippers* from America, accompanied by Mrs. Walchand and Mr. K. J. Advani.

Mr. Walchand recently attended the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce at Amsterdam, of whose committee, he is a member. From Amsterdam he went to America to visit the New York World Fair and is now returning home via the Far East.

Mr. Walchand is Chairman of the Indian Shipowners Association; Chairman of the *Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.* (India's leading shipping company); President of the Indian Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce; formerly, Employers' Delegate from India to the Labour Conference, Geneva; President of several other Chambers of Commerce in Bombay and elsewhere and a Director in about 50 Companies. Mr. Advani, is the Director of Industries, Bombay Presidency.

HITLER UNCERTAIN
OF HIS GROUND:
WILL HE ATTACK?New Peace Proposals
May Be Offered

London, Oct. 16.

After firmly rejecting Herr Hitler's bid for peace based on the Allied acceptance of the subjugation of Poland, Britain has entered the seventh week of the war with her interest centring on whether Hitler's next step would be to launch the threatened offensive in the West accompanied by large-scale air attacks on British ports and shipping, or whether he was sticking to the defensive policy with fresh efforts to induce the Allies to enter into peace negotiations.

Observers point out that an answer to this question will be given in the course of the coming week, but the fact that an offensive has not yet been launched despite Herr Hitler's lengthy conferences with Army chiefs is regarded as a tentative sign of the Reich hesitating to burn its bridges.

Some circles observe that it will probably choose the second alternative.

According to some reports, the German General Staff is opposed to immediate launching of an offensive on the ground that further preparations are necessary, urging Herr Hitler to stall until these are completed.

At the same time it is believed that the Allied firmness, coupled with the obvious Italo-Russian reluctance to enter the war on Germany's side, has begun to make Hitler himself doubt chances of success if the war continues.

Thus there is increasing likelihood that he will make further peace efforts.

New Proposals

According to the Sunday Dispatch correspondent, these might take the form of a more detailed offer to the Allies which would include the following:

Creation of a new Polish State under international guarantee; Maintenance of the present European frontiers; Return of German colonies or granting of special facilities in them; Revision of trade policies; Grant autonomy for Bohemia and Moravia with the maintenance of a German protectorate; General transfer of minorities; Long-term Nazi-British and Franco-Italian non-aggression pact; Satisfaction of some of Italy's territorial claims.

The proposals envisage certain concessions to the Allied demands. However, the correspondent does not believe that they will be acceptable to Britain and France.

Mussolini's Plan

Despite Italian denials of the same correspondent's reports, Signor Giuseppe Bastianini, the new Italian Ambassador to the Court of St. James, who arrived in London on Saturday, is understood to have brought with him a two-point peace plan from Signor Mussolini envisaging a five-Power guarantee for a reduced Polish State and a conference of principal neutral Powers for settling further questions.

It is believed, apishly, however, that Italy will abandon her neutrality if the plan is rejected, while it is reported that Russia has assured Turkey that she does not intend to fight on the Reich's side.—Domei.

Now Axis Talks

Berlin, Oct. 15. Consultations between the Soviet and Germany on the situation arising from the British determination to continue the war may begin on Monday.

Either the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov or M. Litvinov will go to Berlin for the talks.

The Russian Ambassador is said to be returning to the German capital accompanied "by a higher official."

A committee of industrialists representing groups and the State Railroads are proceeding to Moscow by air on Monday to supplement the industrialist already in Moscow and help negotiate the development of Russia's transport facilities to make Russia's raw materials available to the Reich.—United Press.

JAPANESE CONSULATE

The Japanese Consulate General, which for some years has been accommodated in Prince's Building, moves to-day to new quarters in the top floor of No. 2 Cannon Road, opposite the Victoria Recreation Club and adjoining Butterfield and Swire's offices.

Mr. Oda, Japanese Consul, is at present in charge of the Consulate, having returned on Monday last week from a trip to Japan.

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POLICE
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Coming Week

Annual Inspection

It is expected to hold the Annual Inspection between November 10 and 12 and all Commanding Officers are requested to commence preparations for this. Practice Parades at dates to be notified later, will be held.

Chinese Company

Strength.—The following have been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company:

Constable Bau Ka-yang, Soong Choong-hing, Ling Nee-yeon, Si H. Liang, Leung Kwong-chai, Leung Wing-tung, Henry Wong, Wong Yuk-pui, Lau Chung-shing, Lam Fung-lung, Ho Thong-chai, Lam Fung-lung, Mak Hing-kwong, Pong Kwok-yin, Leung Teh-min, and A. L. S. Cheung Wye-ann.

Training Course, Part I.—All recruits who have not passed Part I of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Friday, at 5.30 p.m. for instruction under Crown Sergeant Riddell. N.C.O.s will attend as detailed. Dress—Khaki uniform, cap with khaki cover, belt with brass whistle and chain, and truncheon.

Training Course, Part II.—The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Friday, at 5.30 p.m.

Constables Chan Yung-kwong, Lee Ting-shun, Leung Wai-kit, Lau Mei, Leung Chi-lup, Charles Tam, Tang Kwong-wing, Koh Kuei-sun, Lam Chong-sing, Ip Ching, Sung Pak-ching, W. Chan, Lai Kwok-chiu, Cheng Lok-sang, Ng Ping-kwong, Koh Kwok-chiu, Leung Kwok-chiu, Fung Hon-hun, Kong Sal-lun, Tang Li-fu and Li Kam-chuen.

Training Course, Part III.—Revolver shooting practice will be held at Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, at 10 a.m. Recruits will be present.

They will be given a course of instruction in the handling of arms and trigger pressing at Company Headquarters this week or within the next week.

Training Course, Part IV.—The undermentioned members will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. for Part IV of Training Course (R.P.) under Sub-Inspector (R) Chan Ching-tung.

Constables Chan Yui-hing, Li Chung, Chan Tak-cheng, Lam Kwok-lee, Law Kait-cho, Chan Ching-shing, Leung Kwong, Yung Fook-nul, Lee Tung-sang, H. H. Leong, Chan Wai-chun, Wei Yit-yuen, Li Shiu-kwai, Seah Chew-heik and John Ma.

Indian Company

Patrol duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

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Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad

Strength.—The following have been permitted to resign from the Flying Squad:

Crown Sergeant A. Gascon, and Constable L. Krinschinsky, G. R. Payne, Harry Marriott, C. C. Perlin, and H. Wong.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve

It is expected that the Emergency Unit Reserve will be fully completed and return to the O.C. Emergency Unit Reserve, as early as possible.

Defence Examination.—All recruits will attend the Emergency Unit Reserve on Friday, at 5.30 p.m. for Defence Examination.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

Challenge to Britain's
Command of the Sea

OSLO, Oct. 16 (Reuter Special).—Germany is straining every nerve to break Britain's command of the sea, according to messages from Berlin.

Chances of victory against Britain, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Aften Posten" is the dominating topic, while France is not much discussed.

From the German point of view, separation of Britain from France is most important, but the correspondent adds that no German really believes this can be achieved.

General opinion prevails however that in view of the fact that even the largest battleships are not proof against combined attack by submarines and aircraft, Britain is no longer absolute master of the North Sea.

On The Western Front

FRENCH WARSHIPS AID
TRANSPORT OF TROOPS

Paris, Oct. 16.

About 100 French warships participated in the conveying of the transport of the British expeditionary force to France, it is now learned. Submarine chasers, destroyers and torpedo boats protected the transports.

The newspaper *Excelsior* says the original estimate of 32 divisions of British troops in France will be considerably exceeded.—Reuter.

Offensive Thought Imminent

Paris, Oct. 16.

On the whole front the Germans are making great preparations for an attack and an offensive appears very imminent.—Reuter.

Eighty-fifth Communiqué

Paris, Oct. 16.

A communique states that between the Moselle and the Saar there was great activity within the enemy lines. West of Wissembourg there has been patrol activity on both sides.—Reuter.

Possible Strategy

London, Oct. 16.

High British military officers say that the Germans have three possibilities in the big offensive. First, in the Saar; second, through Belgium; third, a wider turning movement through Holland and Belgium.

They think an offensive across the Rhine in the region north of Switzerland is impossible, while through Switzerland is dangerous as long as Italy is neutral.

The British authorities believe they have scored an initial tactical success in transporting the expeditionary force to France without casualty. The biggest danger in the move, that is what happened to the Poles.

British military circles believe that Russia has won the first round against Germany in securing control of the Baltic.—United Press.

Massed Troops

London, Oct. 16.

Recent French reconnaissances are reported to have been directed specially north of Wissembourg and the Rhine, with a view to ascertaining what the enemy are doing in the Blieswald area.

If they succeeded in breaking through the Lauterbourg defences, behind which the plain of Alsace begins, they would gain important room for manoeuvring.

Allied aircraft reported enormous concentrations at Cologne, Bonn, Coblenz, Mainz and Mannheim, which is believed to include 13 motorised divisions from Poland.

Heavy artillery concentrations and many tanks are expected, and are reported to be moving from the Saarland-Zweibrücken-Berzabern.

Although, it is believed, the Germans have now placed in position 900,000 men ready to attack.

The same tactics as in Poland generally are expected, first an onslaught of tanks, then of shock troops, supported by a heavy barrage of artillery and air bombers.

On the other hand, military critics point out that the season is increasingly unfavourable for land operations, which are already hampered by the rain, hence the possibility is always envisaged that Hitler may postpone his offensive until spring.

Meanwhile he is expected to intensify air raids of British ports and shipping.

The Dutch reported that they had made preparations to flood the country for a belt of five to 25 miles from the Zuiderzee to the Belgian frontier if the Germans try to invade.—Reuter.

Torachi's Opinion

New York, Oct. 15.

General Torachi, head of the Japanese Military Mission to Europe, arrived here to-day on board the Italian liner Rex.

The General said, "My impression, after talking with the leading figures of all the belligerents, is that all would like to end the struggle now if they were able to see any possible peace formula." He said that the Allies must make a great mistake in under-estimating Germany's ability to wage a long war. "The German people have a calm discipline and complete confidence in their Government and the Military."

General Torachi inspected the Siegfried Line as a guest of the German General Staff and doubted if the Allies would attempt to break it, since the losses would be tremendous.

North China Difficulties

General Torachi stated that while he was in command in North China many incidents occurred where Japanese lack of propaganda placed them at a disadvantage.

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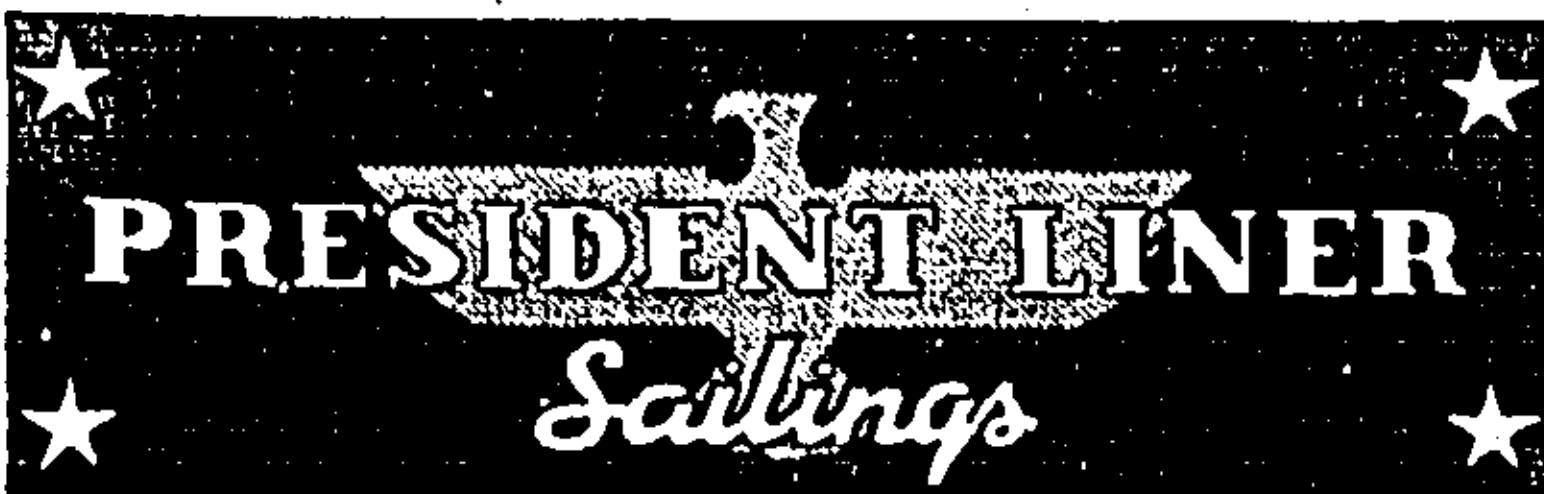
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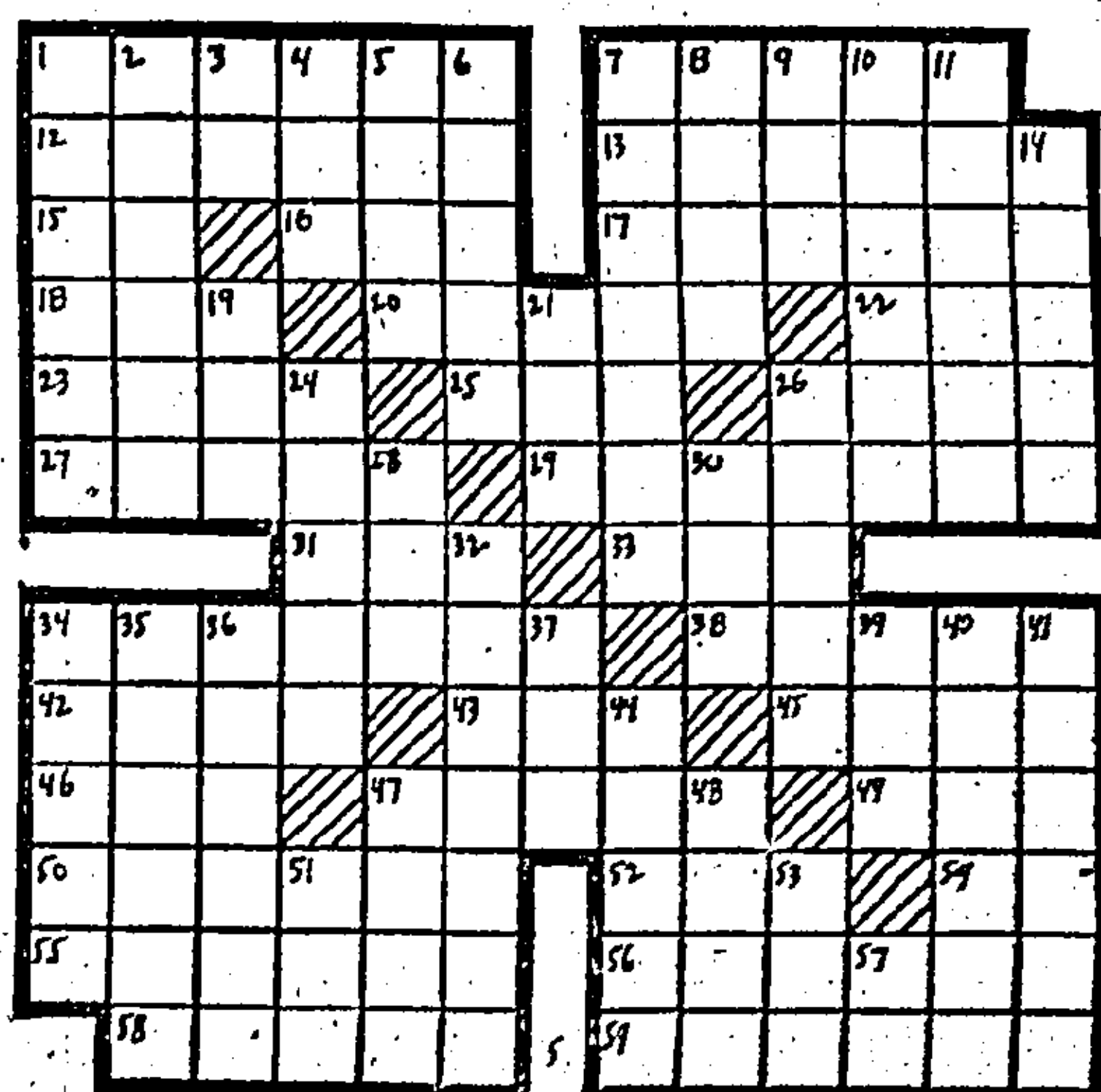
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14—Abscond
15—Turned away from
16—Turned away from
17—Title of knight
18—Metal found central
for coating dials
19—Change
20—Football team
21—Trove of treasure
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23—Devotional prayer
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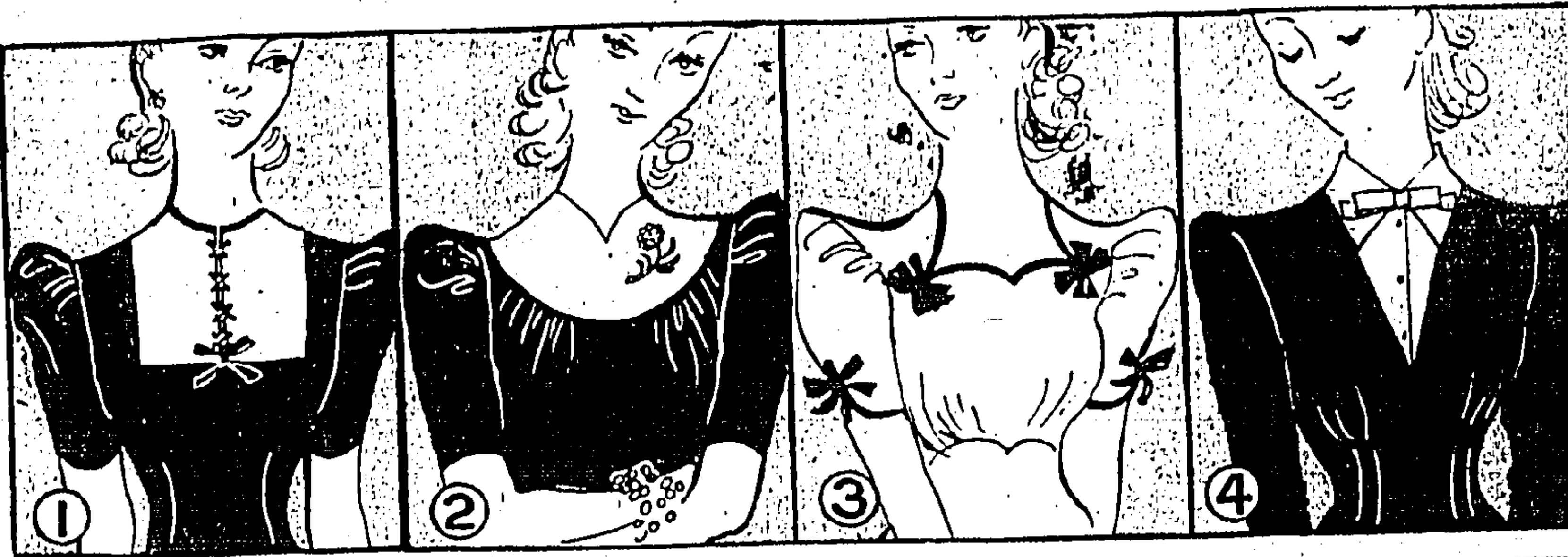
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Here are four suggestions for altering the neckline of last year's frock. They are little, trivial alterations enough, but they use up moments of time which might otherwise be put to brooding.



Let Us Be Sociable

SOCIABILITY is a virtue more praised than practised—sociability, that is, in its wider, fuller sense, as expressed in frank, spontaneous, unfeigned, not only towards friends, but also towards those with whom we come in contact in the ordinary experiences of the day.

We are all aware, for instance, of the general air of aloofness that marks people travelling together in the same compartment of a railway carriage. Even on the country roads, people pass each other with a stony stare or an air of studied indifference. In places of public entertainment, where one would naturally expect an atmosphere of friendliness and geniality, there are at times, not unattended signs of actual hostility among the audience.

In churches this lack of sociability has long given occasion to outsiders to indulge in criticism regarding the so-called inconsistency existing between the profession and the behaviour of church-goers.

An Air of Aloofness

And though, within recent years, much has been done by active church organizations to bring members and young people together in friendly intercourse, it cannot be denied that not a few of our city churches still retain that air of cautious reserve and aloofness that damps the spirits of lonely worshippers and strangers within their gates.

A well-known city minister has told how, when visiting his members, an old lady said to him: "Do you know that though I've been a member of your church for over twenty years, not one of the members has ever

spoken to me?" "Why, that is very strange," he replied. "And have you never spoken to them?" "Certainly not," came the quick answer. "I would not presume to speak first. Pride, or it may be shyness, too often blocks the way to friendly intercourse. And yet, when we manage to overcome this reluctance to exchange civilities with strangers, how pleasant (usually) is the reward. How pleasant to find that our modest salutation, nine times out of ten, meets with a quick and smiling response."

Room for Improvement

It goes without saying, of course that friendly or just polite advances to strangers cannot be made indiscriminately. But though, for instance, one could not politely salute strangers when passing along Princess Street without the risk of being thought queer, it does not follow that one should adopt a forbidding air of aloofness, nor when deigning to glance at passers-by, is it necessary to "freeze" them with an icy stare. If each of us, in our own sphere, would do our little bit towards breaking down those dividing walls that convention and habit, and pride, and laziness have reared between members of the human family, the efforts made would undoubtedly help to oil the wheels of life, and would go far to lighten the burden and smooth the path of wayfarers everywhere on life's highway.

In this connection a line of Barrie's may be appropriately quoted: "Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

I. C. M.



An Autumn afternoon dress that will grace any gathering is this one in wine-colour rayon crepe featuring a slightly flared skirt and full, all three-quarters sleeves.



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1 If you are tired of your high, round neckline, try altering it to a low square. Fill it in with a panel of net of contrast-coloured silk. Make the opening down the front, laced over with 1/4 in. velvet ribbon threaded criss-cross, and ending in a bow. Bind the edge of the neck too.

2 For an old V neckline cut in contrasting material, as round yoke, opening up the back with a coloured plaster zip fastener. Gather the bodice of the dress into it.

3 You can make this neckline from almost any shaped old one. Bind it with velvet and finish with two clusters of bows. And play up the medieval effect with bound sleeve edges and bows.

4 If you're tired of a high plain neckline, then cut the bodice down in a V shape, buy a stiff white pique front with tailored collar to slip in, and fasten down firmly with press studs.

Suggestions For Saving Gas

THE British Commercial Gas Association makes the following suggestions which will be valuable to housewives:—

The Association reminds consumers that it is important on hearing an air raid warning to turn off all taps and pilot lights before switching off the gas supply at the main cock, and to remember to relight pilot lights, etc., when the main tap is turned on again after the "all clear" signal.

To reduce gas consumption—which is to be rationed except in special cases to three-quarters of the amount used in corresponding quarters of last year—these hints are given:—

Turn off the burners the moment you have finished with them.

Never let gas flare up round the sides of utensils; the tip of the flame should just touch the bottom of the saucepan or kettle.

Never put on more water than you actually need heated.

Points About Utensils
Keep utensils clean and dry—dirt means wasted gas.

Don't, if you can avoid it, use uncovered saucepans; they take longer to heat.

Never waste the heat above the grill when you are grilling. If you can, put a saucepan or kettle of water over the top.

Immediately a pot boils lower the gas until it is just sufficient to keep it boiling.

Make one gas ring simmer several pots. If you put the browning sheet from the oven over one ring on the hot-plate you will be able to keep several saucepans hot on it.

You can manage with less hot water in your bath and wash basin.

Never run a hot water tap unnecessarily, and do not let hot water taps drip. A dripping tap wastes gas.

Scrape plates and wipe cutlery before washing up; you'll need less hot water because there will be less grease.

Turn your fires off and on as you wish so as not to waste fuel. Never leave a gas fire burning when it is not needed.

Always lower the fire as soon as the room has warmed up.

Don't try economy with the gas refrigerator. A refrigerator uses very little gas and it saves so much food waste that it will be a valuable help to you.

Use the oven of the gas cooker well. For example, when you are roasting meat and potatoes, put in two pies in the cooler part of the oven. One pie can be served hot with the meal you are preparing, the other can be served cold next day.

When the joint is taken out of the oven put in a mulligatawny to cook, or a casserole containing bones, etc., to prepare stock. And remember you can cook a whole dinner over gas ring if you have a three-tiered or four-tiered steamer.

Lace In The Home

A FEW years ago lace was rarely thought of beyond curtains where the attractive details of home furnishing were concerned. To-day there is hardly any department of house decoration in which British lace does not figure.

American women have given a definite lead to British housewives in the use of lace tablecloths. Probably eight out of every ten housewives there use lace cloths in tones ranging from oyster to deep mushroom for breakfast, luncheon, and dinner.

When cloths are not in use they have sets of "shawls"—the American name for a lace runner—with matching "table" mats. These are made in a rectangular shape large enough for dinner plate, drinking glass, knives, forks, and spoons to rest upon them.

On the central runner are placed a vase of flowers or a posy bowl, condiments, and butter. It is small nowadays to place several small vases of flowers in a row.

Lace tablecloths do not crease after they have been used once—a great advantage.

Two forms of lace net bedspreads are popular. The patterned lace spread and the spread made of plain or patterned lace net and draped over coloured blankets.

Wall lights and dressing-table lamps have had special lace shades planned for them. A single floral design for each sconce lamp shade, clipped neatly on to an electric candle is effective in parchment colour against a parchment painted wall.

They give a soft and mellow light to dinner table and an air of elegance to a drawingroom.

SHORT CUTS

RUBBER bathroom mat may come a little shabby and soiled after a few weeks wear and tear, but they can be successfully renovated if treated like this:—First brush to remove all surface dust, then wash with carpet soap, and rinse in cold water.

If a bedside clock ticks loudly, cover it with a glass tumbler, and time can still be seen without the clock being heard.

When a stocking begins to ladder, apply a drop of liquid nail polish to the bottom of the run, and it will go no further.



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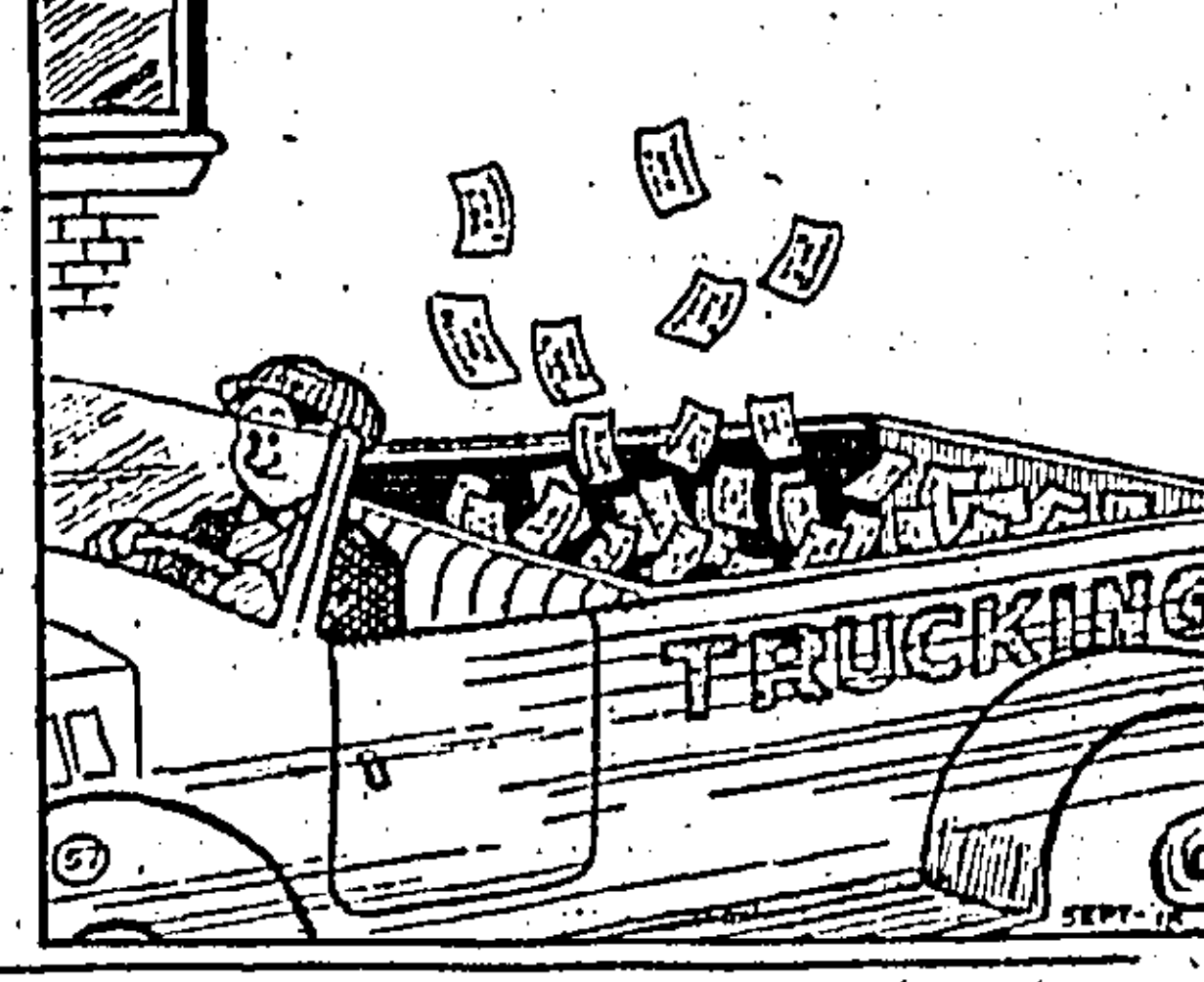
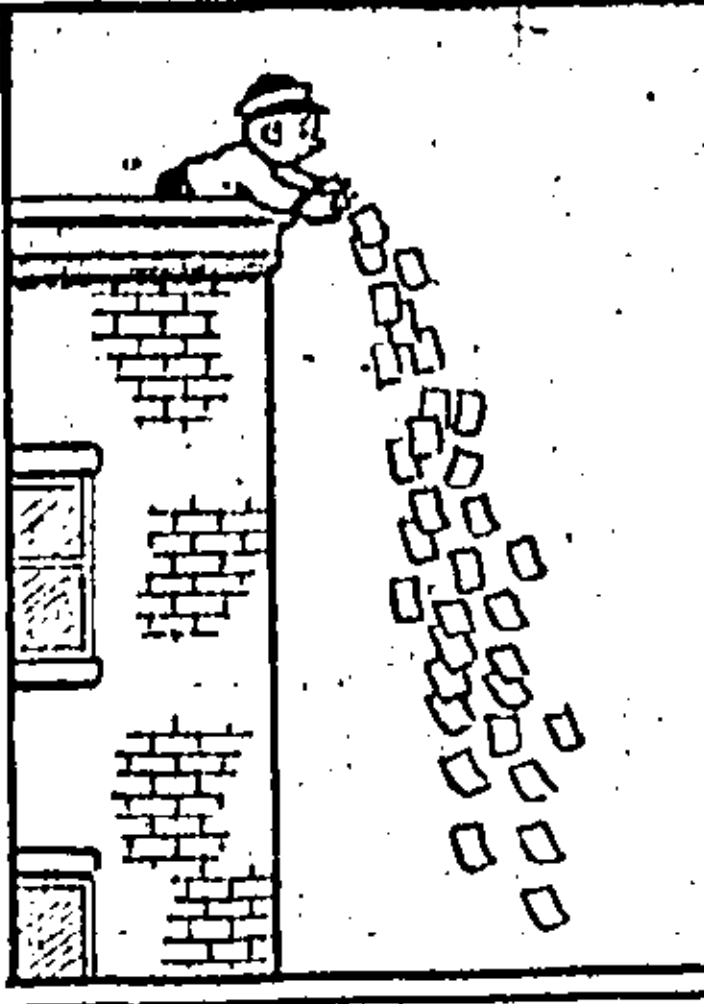
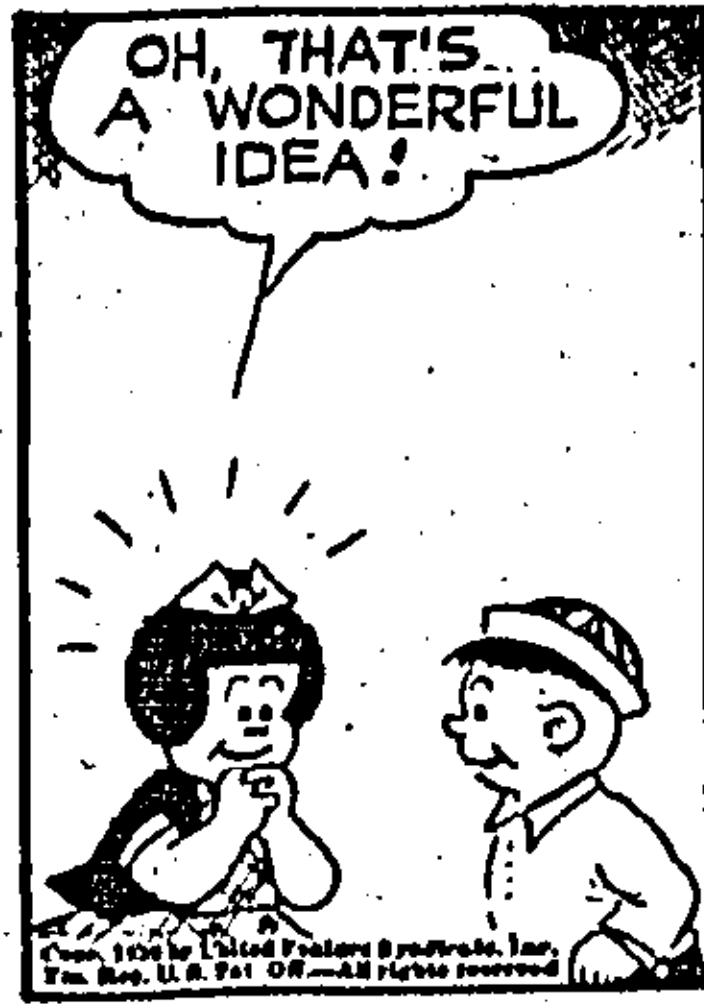
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Philippine Commissioner Arriving Here To-morrow

HIGH Commissioner Francis B. Sayre, who will arrive here to-morrow en route to become President Roosevelt's representative in the Philippine Islands, will head a new administration absorbed with economic rather than political relations, according to authoritative indications in Washington.



Francis B. Sayre, High Commissioner of the Philippines, who will arrive here to-morrow en route for Manila.

Commissioner Sayre, once son-in-law of the late President Woodrow Wilson, has emphasized that any change in political relations between the Philippines and the United States was purely a matter for Philippine initiative.

The programme of political independence for the Philippines, scheduled for July 4, 1946, will proceed unless the Filipino people indicate a desire to reopen the question, Sayre said.

With a background of training in law, diplomacy and economics, which culminated in his five-year tenure as Assistant Secretary of State, Sayre is expected to interest himself primarily with the economic rather than the political future of the Philippines.

This 54-year old economist-diplomat will provide a sharp contrast with his predecessor as

issue a tremendous currency which still persists, despite McNutt's retirement from his Philippine post.

The handsome former Commissioner has indicated that he will continue to advocate Philippine retention in his capacity as a private citizen, and, incidentally, as a presidential candidate.

Quiet, soft-spoken Commissioner Sayre, however, while he is said to incline somewhat toward McNutt's general appraisal of the Philippine situation, has stated definitely that the political question of independence is a closed matter, unless the Filipinos themselves choose to bring it up.

Sayre, on the contrary, will devote himself to the execution and supervision of a programme that has already been formulated into law by the Tydings-McDuffie Philippine Independence Act, which projects an economic programme whose critical years are still ahead.

It was Sayre's father-in-law, President Wilson, who gave the Philippines independence programme its first great impetus in 1916 when the first law contemplating eventual independence status was enacted. Incidentally, although Sayre is consistently referred to as a Wilson son-in-law, the first Mrs. Sayre, a favourite daughter of the great wartime President of the United States, died in 1933, and Sayre has since remarried.

The Tydings-McDuffie Act contemplated a 3-year period of economic preparation for independence, based on the gradual adjustment of Philippine export trade to non-dependence on the free American market.

This was to be accomplished by a gradually increasing export tax on Philippine products destined for the American market.

With 35 percent of Philippine exports annually scheduled for American consumption, the task of economic adjustment was conceived as the most important aspect of independence.

Comparatively huge sums of money, averaging almost \$50,000 a year, were to be made available through excise tax refunds for "adjustment" purposes. The Philippine government was to "adjust" the nation's industries to a point where they could either compete in the American market on a full-duty basis or be liquidated in favour of other more self-sustaining industries.

Thus far, according to economic observers, little has been done in the Philippines in behalf of this programme. At the last session of Congress a bill of major amendments to the Philippine Independence Act was passed to "cushion" the shock of the proposed export taxes.

Commissioner Sayre, who played a leading role in the formulation and enactment of these amendments, is deeply interested in the entire economic adjustment program.

He is said to have a sounder and more comprehensive grasp of all the economic angles of this programme than any other American official.

He conceives as his mission in the Philippines the task of guiding and advising the Philippine government on the launching and effectuation of the economic adjustment measures which he helped to formulate.

As a long-time professor of international law at Harvard University, and as assistant secretary of State in charge of trade agreements, Sayre has a long and imposing record of experience in national trade adjustment matters.

Although he is not particularly a man of dynamic appeal or trained in brilliant political leadership, Sayre's quiet persuasive diplomacy and facility in dealing with economic problems is expected to give new force to the quest for a solution to the riddle of Philippine-American economic relations.—United Press.

ESCAPED CONVICTS

London, Oct. 16. Three convicts from Dartmoor who escaped last night were captured 10 hours later.

They were finally captured in the woods 20 miles from Dartmoor after driving away in a stolen car with headlights put on and refusing to stop when challenged a number of times.—Reuter.

ROYAL BIRTHDAYS

Tokyo, Oct. 16. The Emperor to-day celebrated felicitations to the Kings of Rumania and Afghanistan on the occasion of their birthday anniversaries.—Domet.

CLIPPER RECORD

Next Plane Carrying 30 Passengers

Indicating the popularity of air travel in war time, 30 passengers have been booked for the outward flight from Hongkong of the California Clipper on Friday.

This will establish a record for the number of passengers carried by any aircraft from Hongkong. The largest number carried so far from here was 26, in a Pan-American Airways Clipper on Friday.

The new Boeing Clippers can carry more than 70 passengers, but have sleeping accommodation for only about half this number.

The passengers list on this occasion has been swelled by a number of Standard Oil engineers from Bahrain, who normally would have returned to the United States via Europe.

The California Clipper is expected to arrive on Wednesday from Manila.

CRASH WITH WAR FILMS

Tokyo, Oct. 16. Mr. Toshiro Kake, mechanic of the monoplane Divine Wind of the Asahi Shimbun, is still missing after the plane crashed into the sea on October 6.

The plane was carrying films of the European war from the Formosan capital. Over 50 divers took part in the searching operations.—Domet.

MAILS ARRIVE

The Imperial Airways plane De-nobela arrived with four passengers and mails from Bangkok yesterday.

Passengers from Europe were Mr. A. C. Langston of the Hongkong Electric Co., Mr. C. L. Gregory, the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Miss Olive Green, who is joining the Education Department, and Mr. F. Lee.

The plane brought 128 kilograms of mail.

GOODWILL PLANE

Karachi, Oct. 16. The goodwill plane of the Tokyo Nichi Nichi and Osaka Mainichi Shimbun, arrived at Karachi from Osaka at 4.50 p.m. on Sunday.

The plane is to leave here for Calcutta at 7 a.m. on Monday.—Domet.

AIR SERVICES

Inward

From London and British countries: Imperial Airways, 5 p.m. October 16.

From U.S.A. via Guam and Manila: Pan-American, California Clipper, October 16, 2.30 p.m.

From Chungking, Yunnan, Kweichow, C.N.A.C. and Eurasia service indefinite.

From France, via Hanoi: Air France, October 16, 4.45 p.m.

Outward

For London, Australian and British countries: Imperial Airways, 7 a.m. October 17.

For U.S.A. via Manila and Guam: California Clipper, October 20, 6.30 a.m.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For France, via Hanoi: Air France, October 19.

TOKYO RESHUFFLE

Mr. Shigemitsu May Be Foreign Minister

London, Oct. 15. Foreign diplomatic circles believe that after a period of decorum has elapsed, Admiral Nomura (Foreign Minister) will resign in acquiescence to the demands of recalcitrant Foreign Office officials.

Mr. Shigemitsu, the former Ambassador to Great Britain who was mentioned for the post after Mr. Arita's retirement, has been mentioned as the probable successor of Admiral Nomura.

It is recalled that during the controversy of the past week Mr. Shigemitsu openly supported Admiral Nomura's critics.—United Press.

Minister Of Agriculture

Tokyo, Oct. 16. Count Tadamasu Sakai, member of the House of Peers and President of the Japan Agricultural Society, was formally appointed Minister of Agriculture and Forestry this afternoon relieving Mr. Takuo Godo, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, of his concurrent post.—Domet.

Mr. Sakai was formerly Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Minister of Railway. He was elected a Peer in 1923. He represented Japan at the World Parliamentary Trade Conference in Brussels in 1930.

EMPIRE ARSENAL

Australia Confident In New Role

Canberra, Oct. 16. The Finance Minister, Mr. R. G. Casey, in a broadcast said that Australia will become the Empire's arsenal.

She is independent in regards raw materials from other countries for her armament needs.

By the end of the year 27 extra armament factories will be in operation, and in aviation production she will be able to supply a complete squadron of war planes every three weeks.—Reuter Bulletin.

Canadian Problem

Quebec, Oct. 16. Canada's participation in the war is likely to affect the result of the election in Quebec to be held on October 25.

Mr. Maurice Duplessis, has repeatedly stated that conscription is the chief issue which will come before the election.

Mr. P. J. A. Carlin declared that the Liberals had always opposed conscription. "We must understand overseas and who will not go into whatever attitude they believe to be right," he said.—United Press.

Propaganda Fund

Capetown, Oct. 16. German propaganda is becoming so untrue in South Africa, that leading citizens here are forming a £250,000 fund to combat German lies.

The fund is called the Union Unity Fund and has the approval of the Prime Minister. It will finance a nationwide campaign to give the people of South Africa true reports, that they may be accurately informed and wisely directed.

German broadcasts from Berlin contain so many lies that though people in the cities do not believe them these in remote districts are apt to be convinced.—Reuter Bulletin.

Open-Air Propaganda

Paris, Oct. 16. German propaganda continues to be broadcast across the Rhine where loud speakers give parts of Hitler's speech, while cars speed through the streets carrying large banners including the legend, "Bad luck to those who refuse Hitler's peace terms."

The French answer was a few well aimed shots at the banners.—Reuter Bulletin.

Film Propaganda

Tokyo, Oct. 16. The Franco-German war was reflected in Tokyo for the first time in the form of a propaganda film competition.

Paris has sent "Sommes Nous Defendus" (Are We Defended?) showing the efficiency of the Maginot Line, while Germany is sending in "Unternehmen Michael" designed to display anti-British sentiment, and "Patrioten"—Domet.

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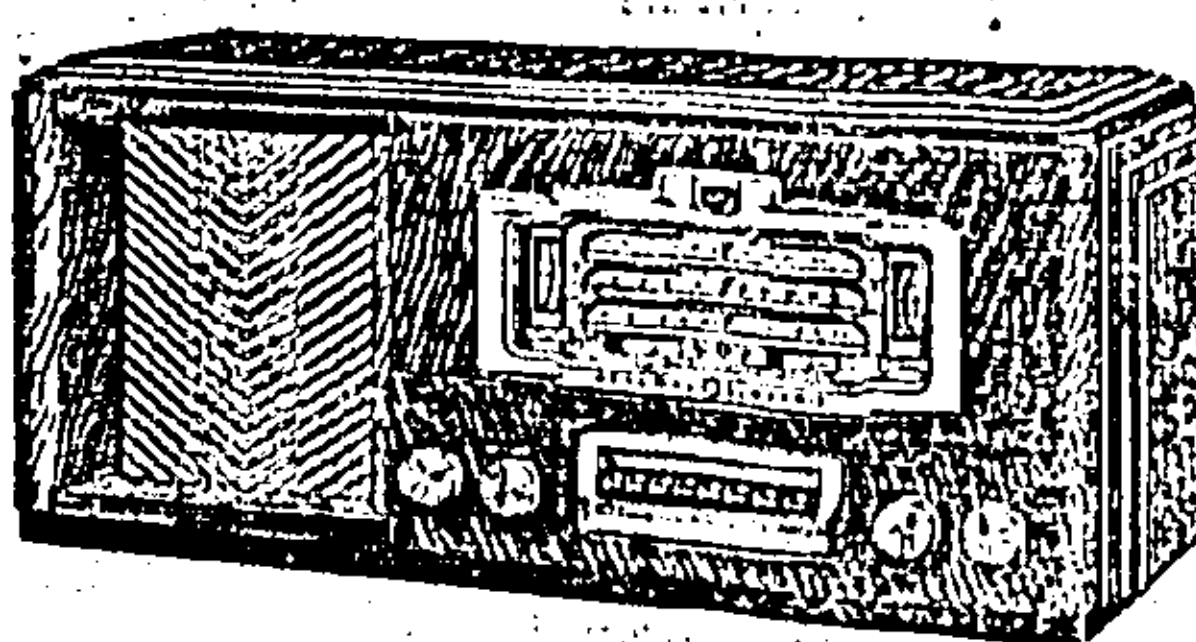
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U.S. Intervention Necessary To Conclude War In China

Chungking, Oct. 16.
Asked whether China will make peace with Japan, the Premier, Dr. H. H. Kung, in an interview to-day, stated, "It is not so much a question of China making peace with Japan, as Japan giving up her policy of aggression against China."

"The whole world knows we are a peace-loving nation, only fighting for our own existence and the maintenance of international order. When Japan gives up her dream of conquest and domination, peace will return—peace based on honour and justice and to be permanent for concerns not only in China and Japan but also for the signatories of the Nine-Power Treaty."

"We believe it is increasingly apparent to Americans that Japan's policy of aggression aims not only at the conquest of China but also the subjugation of the United States as well, and while the conquest of America may be only a Japanese dream at present, it is a project that would be advanced enormously if Japan controlled China's vast resources of manpower. That is why Americans cannot fail to be interested directly in the outcome of the Sino-Japanese war, and that is why we feel justified in looking to the United States for material assistance as well as sympathy."

Military Bluff Enough
"It would be unnecessary for the United States to apply military force to restore peace and protect her national interests in the Far East. The mere knowledge that the United States is prepared to use force in the defence of these interests is sufficient to deter the Japanese, but as long as the Japanese consider that the Americans are unwilling to fight, even to defend their vital interests in this part of the world, the Japanese programme of destruction of those interests will be pushed forward. An attack on the United States may follow when the Japanese position in the Far East is consolidated."

"The same people who 15 years ago derided and ridiculed the prophecies of Japan's present war against China will doubtless scoff at the Japanese conquest of America as an impossibility. If the Japanese had not planned further conquests, why did they denounce the naval treaty and why did they build a great navy if their territorial ambitions are confined to China?"

"Their military operations here are carried out exclusively by land forces. Why should they establish in the United States, Panama and elsewhere an espionage service stretching from coast to coast? The existence of such a spy system is revealed by agents of the United States Government."

"Why, also, should the Japanese fishing fleets congregate in such numbers off the Pacific coast of the United States and Japanese fishermen ply their craft in every bay and inlet of the Hawaiian Islands?"

Resentment Felt
"The answers to these questions are obvious to everyone, most of all to the officials of the United States Government. They know not only of Japan's dream of world domination but also the deep resentment created in Japan by the American immigration law excluding Japanese, and by the State prohibiting Japanese ownership of land in California and elsewhere, also other restrictive measures which the Japanese consider humiliating."

"Your President has made known his policy, which favours an international conference to adjust the differences between China and Japan and restore peace in the Far East. It is clear that your statesmen recognise the importance to American interests of restoring peace before Japan reaches the position from which she could threaten you more. "It is unlikely that the United States Government will renew the commercial treaty with Japan until Japan shows willingness to respect the rights of third parties in the Far East, and this will never be realised while Japan is attempting to subjugate China and eliminate Occidental influence here."

"It was for this purpose only that her military officials recently request-

LAUNCH CAPSIZES

Tragedy On Yangtse
Below Woosung

Shanghai, Oct. 16.
A radio message at noon stated that the Shanghai Government ferry, now known as Hsin Tai Kwo Maru, was sunk 15 miles below Woosung, where the Yangtse is 10 miles wide, with 100 Chinese passengers aboard.

It is not known whether any of the passengers were rescued. Owing to very heavy seas it is expected that rescue operations would have been difficult. Other ships are standing by but there have been no further reports.—United Press.

Four Hundred Passengers

Shanghai, Oct. 16.
Four hundred Chinese passengers are feared to have been drowned when the 108-ton steamer Hsin Tai Kwo Maru sailing from Hankang, northern Kiangsu, for Shanghai capsized about two miles from Lihokou in the Yangtse estuary at 12.40 p.m.

Two Japanese destroyers are rushing to the scene of the disaster. It is reported that 60 survivors had been picked up.—Domei.

Only Sixty Survivors

Shanghai, Oct. 16.
The ship capsized and sank as a result of bad weather. It transpires that the vessel was overcrowded, allegedly carrying nearly 400 Chinese passengers, of which there are 60 survivors.—Domei.

The German steamer Lissel witnessed the disaster and hurried to render assistance.—Domei.

Heavily Overloaded

Shanghai, Oct. 16.
The Hsin Tai Kwo Maru reported to have a passenger capacity of 150. However she was carrying between 400 and 500 Chinese.—United Press.

ed certain foreign nations to withdraw from China the armed forces they maintain here under treaties concluded with China.

Outspoken Appeal

"Neither is it to replenish Japan's food supplies that the Japanese have been purchasing more scrap iron than they could afford in the United States."

"This iron and other raw materials which they have been assembling as rapidly as resources permit are weapons with which they expect to conquer the world. China is therefore fighting with all her strength a battle for the world at large, especially for the United States, which is Japan's neighbour on the other side."

Hence our appeal to give not only sympathy, which has been given so abundantly and which is deeply appreciated here, but also the co-operation which is needed to restrain a delinquent member of the family of nations.—United Press.

OPENING YANGTSE

London, Oct. 16.
The Times gives prominence to a letter of Lord Ellbank, urging all efforts to induce the Japanese to re-open the Yangtze. He recalls that in the last war the Chinese exported quantities of valuable commodities and could do so again if freedom of trade were to be resumed.

Lord Ellbank emphasises that while we naturally want the Yangtze re-opened, the Japanese would be the first to benefit thereby. After two years of war, the whole Far East urgently needs liquid funds. Chinese and Japanese interests therefore are inseparable. The more the Chinese can export the more they can buy.

Japan is very favourably placed to supply Chinese wants. "Japan's chief aim," says Lord Ellbank, "is to get China pacified, and the more the Chinese are allowed to trade, the less inclined will they be for war and the more quickly pacification proceeds."

Lord Ellbank recalls Admiral Nomura's statement of October 2 of the Japanese determination to respect foreign rights in China, ought to be demonstrated in more concrete fashion than hitherto. He says that no better demonstration could be given by re-opening the Yangtze.—Domei.

Britain-Japan

Tokyo, Oct. 16.
The Premier, General Abe said that the Anglo-Japanese negotiations would not be resumed in the form of a parity. He hoped, however, that some means would be found for settling outstanding problems.—Domei.

LATE NEWS

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tacked by one British fighter. They dived and dropped a number of bombs which fell close to warships in the Firth, and one 60 yards from the bridge.

"Two trains crossed the bridge during the raid. The noise of firing from the warships was terrific. I was amazed by the calmness of everyone round me." The German wireless claim that two R.A.F. chaser planes were shot down in denied in London. All British machines returned safely.

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Naval Officer Married In Singapore
Lieutenant Robert Evelyn Boddington, of the Royal Navy, son of Mr. Mr. and Mrs. F. Boddington of Hinton, Peterchurch, Herefordshire, was married at St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday, to Miss Elizabeth Hance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hance of Hongkong.
The Rev. N. Williams, of H.M.S. Medway, took the service.
Given away by Lieut.-Commander Hubert Marsham, of the Royal Navy, the bride, who was dressed in a gown of white French crepe, wore a sapphire and diamond pendant, a gift from the bridegroom.
She had on a tulle veil, with a garland of flowers in her hair, and carried a bouquet of lilies and carnations.
Miss Stella Strachen-Smith, the bridesmaid, wore a dress of blue georgette, and carried a bouquet of hydrangeas and daisies.
Best man was Lieut. R. A. St. Clair Sproul Bolton.
The reception was held at the Airport Hotel, and the honeymoon is to be spent at the Sea View Hotel.
The bride's going away ensemble consisted of a white pigskin suit, with a turban, and an organdie blouse and accessories.

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Germans Lose Half Their Warplanes: Minor Naval Casualties NAZI AIR RAID ON ROSYTH AND EDINBURGH REPULSED

ONE BOMB HITS NEW CRUISER: SAILORS KILLED

NAZI PLANES YESTERDAY RAIDED EDINBURGH, ROSYTH AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS IN SCOTLAND.

The raid proved disastrous for the Germans, who lost half their planes.

Royal Air Force machines overwhelmed the invaders, three and four British pursuit planes attack each German bomber.

Although numerous bombs were dumped by the invaders, they did comparatively little damage.

In Rosyth, the great naval base, H.M.S. Southampton was the only casualty, a bomb hitting the fore part of the vessel. There was only small damage, however, and no casualties aboard this warship, which is a sister ship to the Birmingham on China Station.

SPLINTERS KILL 15

Splinters from bombs caused the only naval death tolls, fifteen men being killed aboard H.M.S. Edinburgh, also a sister ship of the Birmingham, and aboard the destroyer Mohawk.

There were no civilian casualties, either at Edinburgh or Rosyth. All R.A.F. machines returned to their bases, despite German claims that two were brought down. The Germans under-estimate their losses at two machines.

Vivid eye-witness stories of the raid, exclusive to the "Telegraph", are given on Page Two.

Official Admiralty Communique On Raid

LONDON, Oct. 17, (Reuter).—An official communique issued last night says:

"German aircraft reconnoitred near Rosyth in the morning.

"At 2.30 p.m. a series of raids began. These were on ships on the Firth of Forth, and by about a dozen machines.

"All A.A. batteries opened fire and R.A.F. fighter squadrons went up to give combat. Only small damage was done to British ships.

"One bomb glanced off the cruiser Southampton, near the bow and sank an Admiral's barge and a pinnace lying empty alongside.

"This was the first aerial hit of the war on a British ship.

25 Deck Casualties

"Another bomb fell near the destroyer Mohawk, returning to port after convoy duty. It fell in the water near the Mohawk, causing 25 deck casualties.

"Only superficial damage was done to British ships, which are all ready for sea.

"At least four bombers were brought down out of 12 or 14 taking part. Three were brought down by R.A.F. fighters.

"The first contact between the R.A.F. and the enemy was at the Isle of May, in the mouth of the Firth of Forth at 2.35 p.m.

"Enemy planes were intercepted and driven down from 4,000 feet to within a few feet of the water. They fled out to sea.

"Another plane was sighted ten minutes later and was shot down in flames into the sea a quarter of an hour later.

"In a third combat, a second plane was shot down into the sea, and third plane was destroyed in pursuit."

"The latter is a 15,000 tons tanker whose name was first mis-reported. All the tanker's crew are safe.

Seven People Missing

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—It is stated that one of the submarines which torpedoed three French ships has already gone to the bottom of the sea.

Seven of those aboard the Bretagne when she was torpedoed are still missing.



EDINBURGH, viewed from the Castle.

Chinese Troops Smash Into Hangchow City

REPORTS of fighting on various fronts between Chinese and Japanese troops are carried by to-day's "Central News" messages. Fighting seems to be fairly widespread.

A report from Chungking states that Chinese troops smashed into Hangchow and engaged the Japanese in street fighting on Sunday. A Japanese munition dump and the power plant were destroyed by the Chinese.

Several fires were started, gutting many Japanese military establishments. Several railway bridges outside Hangchow were also wrecked.

Chinese artillery on the south bank of the Fu Chun River fired over 60 shells into Fuyang city, 20 miles southwest of Hangchow. The Japanese ammunition depot was hit.

On the Changsha front, Chinese guerrillas are actively harassing the Japanese in the suburbs of Yochow, on the Canton-Hankow Railway.

A fleet of Japanese Army lorries was destroyed at Kuohichien yesterday. From Shanghai, a message states that Chinese guerrillas have entered Tatanan, (Pootung), across the Whangpoo River. They are now said to be advancing on Nanwei, one of the largest cities in Pootung.

Fighting continues to rage on the Pukien sector. In south Shanai, The Japanese, beleaguered at Yital, south-east of Pukien, have made several abortive attempts to break through the Chinese cordon by driving towards Kinkangding. They were repulsed on each occasion.

Chinese forces also continue to attack Fengshin and Tsingan, near Nanchang. The Japanese used their aircraft in bombing operations to impede the Chinese advance.

Lochwan and Pucheng, two towns in central Shensi, were bombed by Japanese aircraft yesterday. Lochwan was attacked by 17 machines which rained over 100 missiles at random on the city. More than 300 civilians were killed or wounded.

Later 15 machines bombed Pucheng, where 60 civilian casualties were reported.

Neither Chungking nor Moscow observers point out, have given out any information concerning negotiations for such a pact.

Talk of the possibility of a Sino-Soviet military pact being concluded is not new. Such reports became current two years ago immediately following the signing of the non-aggression pact between China and Russia, and have frequently recurred since that time.

At the beginning of the month, living costs were the same as in September last year.

Petrol Prices Up

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Labour announced last night that the cost of living had increased by ten per cent. in September.

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Impregnable Defences In West

LOSSES IN NAZI DRIVE WOULD BE "FRIGHTFUL"

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Observers point out that any German offensive to-day will mean frightful slaughter of many German troops without any hope of victory.

The Germans have now massed about 750,000 troops in the Rhineland.

This may be the herald to an offensive along the banks of the Saar River.

At any time an attack on the Maginot Line would involve a battle with tremendous losses.

But to-day, the Germans would first have to fight against the concentrated advance defences which the French have set up in German territory.

They would then have to face a strong and determined counter-attack by the Allied mechanised forces.

All this would come before the Germans could even dream of attacking the Maginot Line itself.

Nazis Prepare

PARIS, Oct. 17 (UP).—The military correspondent of the "Petit Parisien" declares that the ineffectuality of the Germans in the Western Front merely conceals intense preparations for a gigantic offensive.

This, he says, applies especially to the concentration of troops.

French observers are fully cognisant of German moves.

French observation pilots last night saw the headlights of trucks taking German troops to the front. They heard the sound of motors, revealing the movement of numerous tanks.

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Germans Kept In Ignorance

Masses Stupified
By War News

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—German prisoners taken by the French Army reveal that for some weeks after the outbreak of war, the German rank and file were not told that there was a war at all, the fact being concealed from them until they were actually captured.

The War Office statement states that the prisoners, when questioned, said they had been told they were on manoeuvres and that the firing which they had heard was just target practice and blasting.

They were convinced that there would never be war between France and Germany, and that "the Fuehrer would get everything without war."

Flabbergasted

The prisoners were absolutely flabbergasted by the news of the pact with the Soviet.

One prisoner said: "It is probably a ruse by the Fuehrer to trap them. The Fuehrer hates them beyond anything else."

Another said: "The war against France and England with the Bolsheviks as our allies—no, that just can't be true!"

The same man added that if it were true there would be trouble but not at first because Germans don't think for themselves any more. It will take some time for them to realise that they have been deceived.

After all Hitler has got everything without war. Poland didn't count—that was just exercising the troops."

BIG DRIVE REPULSED

German Sortie In
Moselle Sector

PARIS, Oct. 16 (UP).—The Germans suffered from 500 to 1,000 casualties in an attack this morning in the Moselle sector. They lost upward of 20 tanks.

The French anticipated the attack along a 3½-mile front and withdrew from their advance positions, leaving a large number of mines which exploded on several hundred armoured troops, carrying machine-guns and wearing steel vests and visors, advanced.

Scores were killed by the mines. The French then loosed a terrific artillery barrage, chopping the enemy to pieces and forcing them to retreat without any gains.

The French then re-occupied their advance positions.

German Tanks Missing

PARIS, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—German artillery on the western front has been silent as it is afraid to reveal itself and thus draw counterfire.

A constant rumbling of engines suggests that tanks are massing for an attack.

Germans Attack

PARIS, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states:

"This morning on a front of about four miles, the Germans launched an attack supported by artillery fire, immediately to the east of Moselle."

"They occupied the heights of Schneberg, on which we had light observation posts, supported by land mines."

"Caught under our fire, the enemy attack came to a halt and they had to withdraw to the north of Apach, in which village they had momentarily penetrated."

"During the second week in October the French Navy held up 28,000 tons of goods destined for Germany."

The bulk of the preparations are on the front 65 to 75 miles between Moselle and the Forest of Hainaut.

It is felt here that Hitler may stake all of Germany's might in an effort

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HALF-CENTURY RECORD SET BY H.K. MERCURY

A 49 year-old temperature record was equalled in Hongkong yesterday, when the mercury soared to the 93 mark, to set the highest maximum for an October day since 1890.

The record of 93.8 was established in Hongkong on October 12, 1890, and the previous nearest approach to this mark was a recording of 90.1 degrees in 1897 and again in 1901.

So far the temperatures this month have been excessively high, the maximum averaging nearly 90 daily.

Yesterday's minimum temperature was 77, at which level it has remained steady for the past week.

The mercury was very high again this morning, touching 88 degrees at 10 o'clock, and indicating that the 90 mark would be reached before the day was out.

The fine weather will continue, according to the Royal Observatory report, which forecasts light to moderate north-east and east winds.

Istanbul Optimism

ISTANBUL, Oct. 16 (UP).—Political circles here believe that the

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BOMB SPLINTERS CAUSE WARSHIP CASUALTIES

IT IS NOW REVEALED, SAYS A "REUTER" MESSAGE FROM LONDON, THAT H.M.S. SOUTHAMPTON WAS HIT BY A BOMB DURING YESTERDAY'S GERMAN AIR RAID ON THE FIRTH OF FORTH, CAUSING THREE CASUALTIES ABOARD AND SLIGHT DAMAGE TO THE WARSHIP.

The same bomb sank an empty Admiral's barge and a pinnace, while splinters from bombs falling nearby caused seven casualties aboard H.M.S. Edinburgh, and 25 aboard the destroyer Mohawk.

At least four bombers were brought down, adds the "Reuter" report, which quotes an official communiqué. Two German airmen were rescued by a destroyer, one of whom died.

There were no civilian and no Air Force casualties.

The raid was preceded in the morning by several German aircraft reconnoitring Rosyth, which is a naval base.

Raiders Is Captured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Oct. 17 (UP).—Reports received here following yesterday's raid on Edinburgh state that three members of the crew of the fourth German raider have been captured in the Pentlands Hills.

Of the 4-man crew of one of the raiders, which was shot down, two were killed by British gunfire, the third was drowned, and the fourth has been rescued.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—EDINBURGH, Oct. 16 (UP).—The first German air raid over the British Isles was started to-day when enemy planes unsuccessfully attacked naval bases in Scotland.

It has been officially announced that the Royal Air Force engaged the German raiders over Edinburgh, and "inflicted casualties upon them."

Triumph For R.A.F. Machines
A later London report revealed that the raid had ended in a complete fiasco for the enemy and a triumph for the Royal Air Force, whose defending machines brought down the three raiders.

It is stated that the raiders' objectives were the Firth of Forth, Bridge and naval bases in the vicinity. One German plane is reported to have been shot down in the Firth of Forth, and two others were destroyed in aerial combat in the Fife district on the East Coast of Scotland.

Apparently the Rosyth Naval Base was an objective of the attacking planes.

No Casualties, No Damage
"Reports to date indicate that there are no civilian casualties, and no damage to property," says an official announcement.

Several bombs were dropped by the enemy planes, and a number fell into the sea.

It is added that British fighting machines drove the surviving raiders across the North Sea.

Anti-aircraft stations in the Edinburgh district went into action about 2.35 p.m. to-day when three enemy planes were sighted flying over the city.

Guns, Planes in Action
LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—German aircraft attempted to attack coastal objectives in Scotland this afternoon.

The Royal Air Force engaged the raiders and inflicted casualties. Anti-aircraft guns around Edinburgh were in action just after 2 p.m. British summer-time.

Shells were plainly seen to burst in the sky.

The heaviest firing was near the Firth of Forth. There was also much aerial activity on the south side of the city towards Pentlands Hills.

Some aircraft appeared to be in pursuit.

Shrapnel in Streets
Full details of this engagement are hitherto not available, but reports from Edinburgh state that pieces of shrapnel were picked up in the streets in several parts of the city after the anti-aircraft firing had ceased.

One man standing in a shop doorway picked up pieces of shrapnel, still warm, which fell a few yards away from him.

Air raid sirens were not sounded. There was also much aerial activity over the north district of Edinburgh.

Three fighters were seen streaking across the sky at a low altitude.

Accurate Firing
No sooner had the machines dipped behind the hills than the anti-aircraft guns opened fire. White smoke puffs were visible in the sky just behind the planes.

Soon afterwards a twin-engined machine flew at a low height from the direction of the city and swooped behind a hill.

For a few moments the roar of machine-gun was heard. The plane returned further north, and a salvo of shell burst appeared at its tail.

Individual bursts followed the plane round, in the sky towards Pentlands Hills.

A report circulating in Edinburgh stated that three enemy planes had flown up north.

Fruitless Raid
The daring daylight German air raid on Scottish Coast objectives this afternoon resulted fruitlessly for the raiders, one of which is reported to have been brought down in Fife, and another in the Firth of Forth.

The remainder were driven across the North Sea by British fighters.

Splinters from A.A. shells fell on numerous Fife towns. It is understood no bombs were dropped on

land, though some are believed to have fallen on water.

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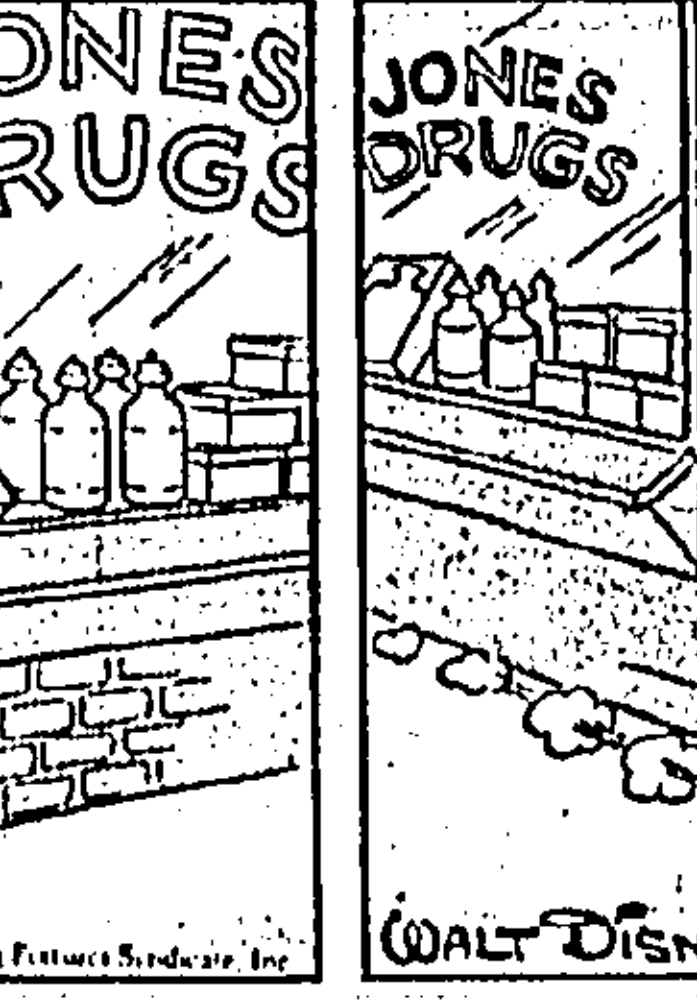
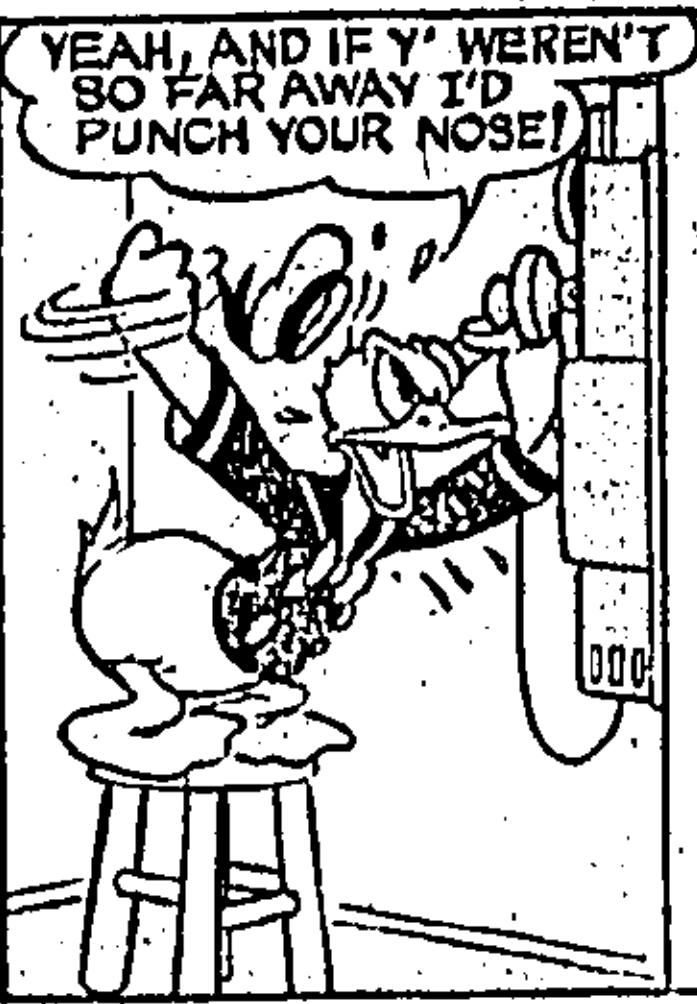
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AMAZING ESCAPE OF
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WHILE depth charges exploded about them, one every two minutes for more than an hour, the crew of a British submarine, trapped in enemy waters, ran a sixpenny sweepstake.

"Guess the time of the next shake-up," was its grim subject. This dramatic episode, the most epic since the war began, was officially revealed.

The submarine was silent, its engines stopped. Breathing was painful as the air grew foul. The men lay about, waiting.

Then the explosion on which they had laid their bets suddenly came. There was a shattering roar, all the lights went out; machinery became twisted and crushed; air hissed from half-a-dozen leaks.

The commander called his men together. "We will try to creep to the surface," he said. "Load your arms." "And prepare to blow the ship to bits rather than let the enemy capture her."

Slowly the submarine surfaced, the captain flung open the hatch—and found the German raiders gone.

This is the full story of the escape as told by a Naval "Eye-witness," who has just visited the Fleet.

The submarine was patrolling the North Sea. Her log notes inconspicuously that a full gale was blowing.

Valley Of Grey Water
This made observations through the periscope difficult, because at one minute it was in the depths of a valley of grey water and the next in the spray of the sea.

The vessel observed a neutral fishing fleet riding out the gale and dived to avoid unnecessary publicity.

At night she rose to the surface and her navigator, a Royal Naval Reserve Canadian Pacific man, fixed her position.

During the next hour they counted the detonations of six explosions as the enemy groped about in search of them with sweep wires, electrically-operated bombs, and depth charges.

The submarine could do nothing except remain silent on the bottom, motionless.

To relieve the monotony a sixpenny sweepstake was started on the time at which the next explosion would shake the hull.

An Able Seaman moved down the narrow alley-way among the motionless men, booking their bets against next pay day.

The bombardment intensified; for the next hour the explosions averaged one every two minutes. They grew gradually more distant.

Then there was a lull.

Services Of Bumps
About tea-time the strained, weary men in the submarine heard a wire scraping. They listened tense, expectant.

A series of bumps thudded along the hull.

Then what they awaited happened. A shattering explosion seemed to contract the hull.

All lights were extinguished; there was everywhere the crash of broken glass, and, in the silence that followed, the sound of water splashing, and the hiss of air escaping from the high-pressure air-system.

Portable electric lights revealed the catastrophe. One motor and both engines were out of action.

From half a dozen leaks in the air system, air hissed as from a punctured tyre.

Working as noiselessly as possible the men contrived to restore the lighting and stopped the air leaks as best they could.

Light To Finish
In the dawn the wireless operator reported that the radio had been repaired.

The captain's first thought was to send a warning to sister submarines to avoid temporarily the danger area.

Allied Planes
Shot Down

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

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This morning one French reconnaissance plane was shot down near Germerheim. One man was killed and two wounded, the latter being transferred to hospital immediately.

her, suggested she was in the vicinity of enemy forces.

Her captain decided to have a look at them through his periscope, and put his ballast pump in action.

Another depth charge promptly exploded much closer, blowing some of his fuses.

It was obvious that he was being hunted.

He stopped all his machinery, and the crew lay down to conserve valuable oxygen consumed by movement.

Air Grows Foul
Then, the air gradually growing fouler, they sat or lay about, waiting.

The First Lieutenant produced a bottle of boiled sweets and passed them round. It reminded someone else of a bag of peppermint-drops he possessed.

Meanwhile the Lieutenant in Command was deciding his course of action.

As soon as he knew by the clock that darkness had fallen he mustered officers and men and told them of his decision.

To stay where they were meant to die like rats in a trap.

If the ballast tanks still held—and in his heart he doubted it—he intended to blow the water out of them and rise to the surface.

Once there, although his ship was helpless as a log, he intended to fight to the death.

Exchanging gasping jokes among

themselves, the men turned to, loaded the torpedo tubes, Lewis gun and rifles, stacked ammunition ready for the run.

And, as a last grim measure, they prepared a demolition charge to blow their ship to pieces rather than suffer her to fall into the hands of the enemy.

Finally, when all was ready for what they believed would be their last fight, they blew the tanks, and the submarine rose floundering to the surface.

In spite of their efforts to stop the leaks, enough air had escaped from the cylinders inside the submarine to raise the pressure to a dangerous point.

So the captain, who is lightly built, had to guard against the danger of being blown through the hatch when it was opened.

Crawl To Safety
He selected a 14-stone signalman to cling to his legs, and thus "anchored," threw open the hatch.

So great was the rush of air that it blew his heavy binoculars, which hung by a strap round his neck, vertically above his head.

He climbed out and looked anxiously about him.

It was a clear night with a moderate swell. There was nothing in sight.

With periscope gone, wireless smashed, communication pipes crushed, and engines disabled, unable to dive again, and with only one motor in action, the vessel crawled away from the scene.

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British
Planes Fly
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Reconnaissance
LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. carried out another successful reconnaissance flight over Germany on Sunday night.

Despite bad weather they flew over north and central Germany.

Reports about the flight indicate that they did not meet with any resistance, although on Saturday night searchlights and anti-aircraft fire were busy around Berlin for two hours.

The best German explanation of this was that a German liner had lost his bearings and had been brought down by German anti-aircraft batteries.

Threats, Hopes
And Fears

**Medley Of Reactions
In Germany**

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—A medley of pleas, threats, hopes and fears is the keynote of press comment this morning.

The papers continue to comment on Mr. Chamberlain's speech and suggest that Britain and France must make the next political move, but with fundamental change of views on aims and persons.

**Possible Appeal To
Roosevelt, Mussolini**

HELSINKI, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Reports circulating in well-informed quarters here suggest that the possibility of asking President Roosevelt and Signor Mussolini to assume the role of general peace mediators will be considered at the Four-Power conference of the Scandinavian kings and the Finnish President at Stockholm on Wednesday.

**Air Mission To
Canada Arrives**

OTTAWA, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The British Air Mission has arrived.

A communique states that it is confidently hoped to devise plans for building up a combined Empire Air Force, which will play a decisive role in the war.

The New Zealand and Australian Missions are expected to arrive shortly.

The Management of the Lido advises that the usual Dinner Dances at that Establishment will be discontinued as from to-morrow until further notice.

Minister of the Interior for Prussia, President Hindenburg is the honorary president of the organisation.

The appearance of the exhibits provoked a pandemonium in the Diet, and the Speaker was forced to order a temporary suspension.

When the Diet resumed its sitting, Herr Grzesinski warmly defended his drastic action, which he said was taken on the ground that the organisation has undoubtedly been training a fighting military force.

He uttered a stern admonition to the enemies of the Republic, saying that "Those who refuse to hear my warning must feel."

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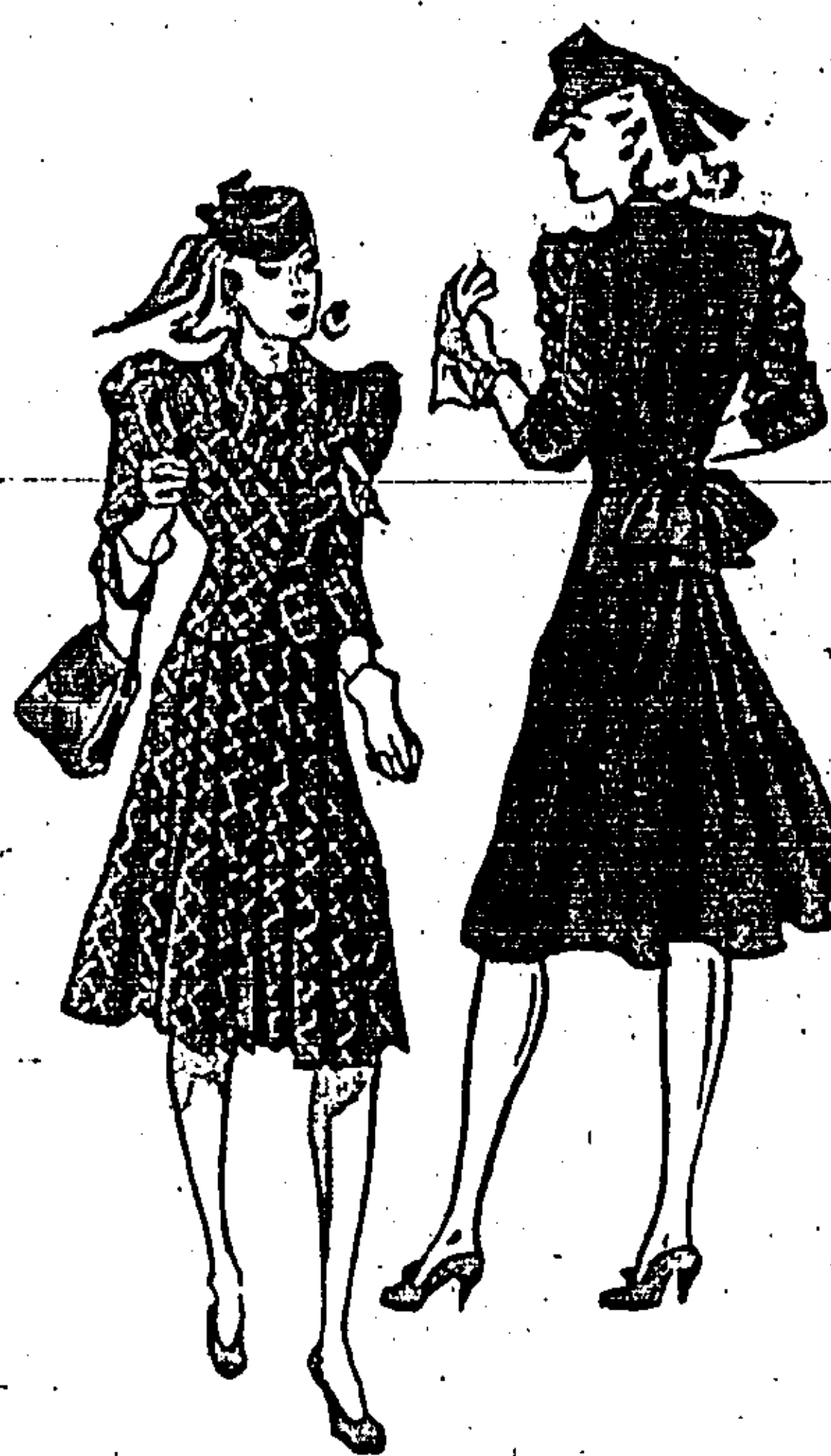
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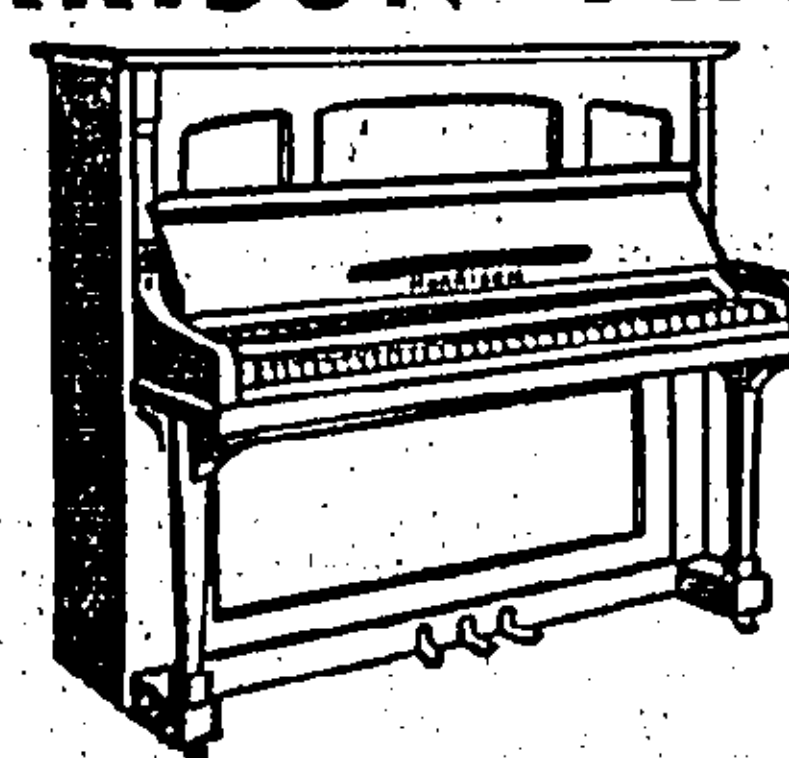
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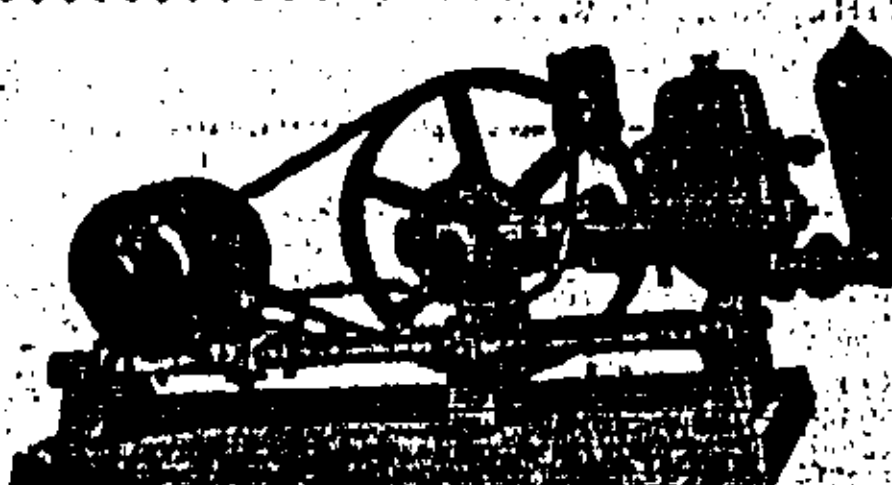
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Asking For Trouble

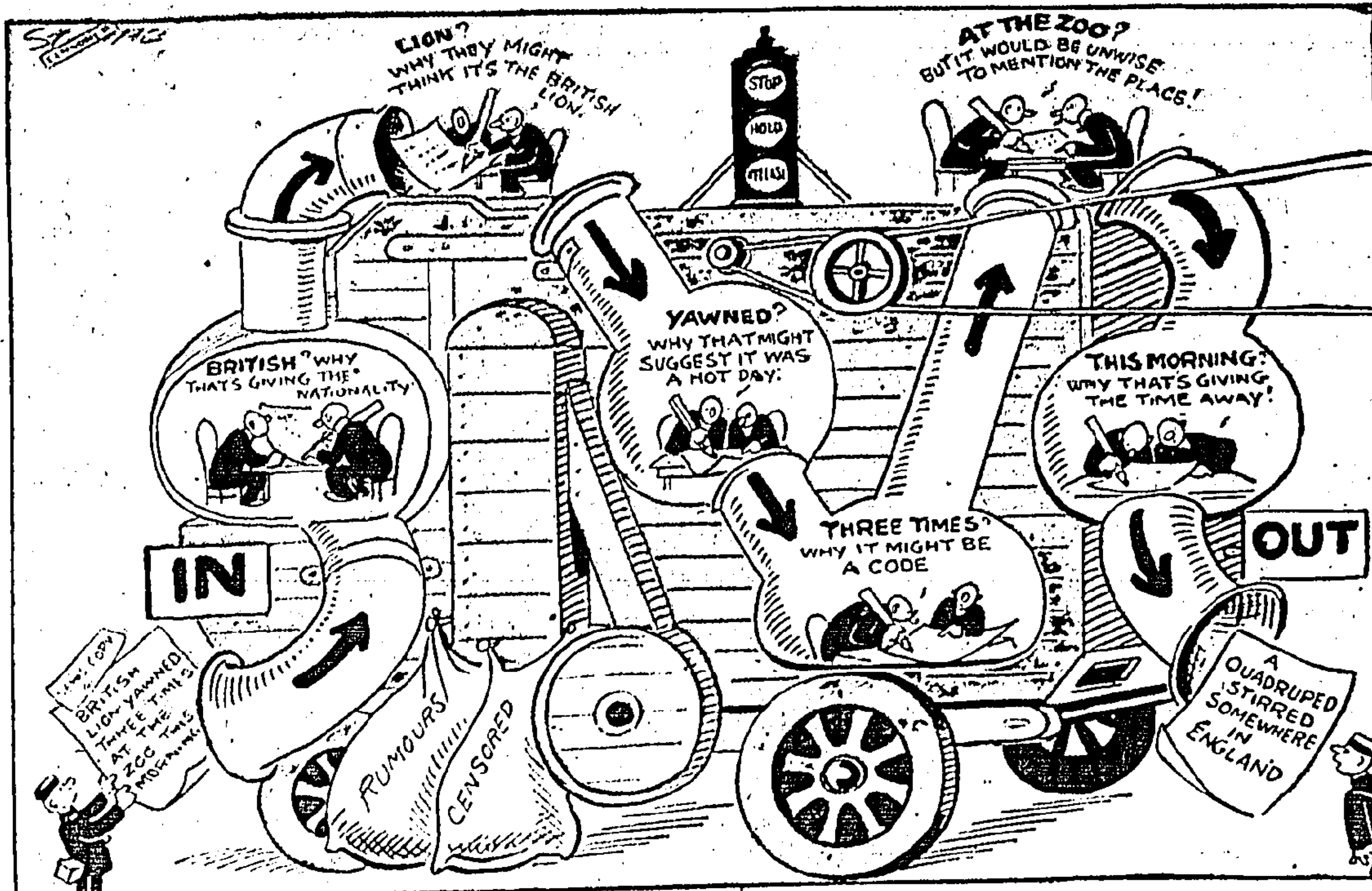
HERETO there has been an inclination to dismiss reports of internal dissension within the Reichswahr and the German army as propaganda, but the well-authenticated press reports from neutral sources proclaiming the arrest and detention of former Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal von Blomberg and five other high German army officers, as well as the highly mysterious death of General von Fritsch, leaves little room for doubt that Hitler is finding it increasingly difficult to get along with those who would normally be regarded as indispensable during the present crisis.

It appears that von Blomberg is to become another victim of Hitler's extraordinary whims. By 1938 he had already thrown over the one man who had made the allegiance of the Reichswahr to Nazism possible. The pretext was laughable for its obviousness. Von Blomberg apparently had incurred some of the younger officers because he would not conform to the army's matrimonial code. Hitler therefore discarded overnight his most powerful ally of 1932, and by so doing aroused the ire and dislike of the majority of Von Blomberg's contemporaries with whom he was a firm favourite. It was Von Blomberg who made it possible for Hitler to dispose of General von Schleicher and his wife during the brutal 1934 purge, and for the first six years of Hitler's reign did everything he could to bring the Reichswahr in closer relation to the Nazi Party. The result was loss of personal popularity among his colleagues, and as a final humiliation, disownment by Hitler.

The methods are typical of the German dictator. He did the same with Roehm, his best friend, and it seems he has knifed in the back Von Fritsch, another gallant officer, whose loyalty to the German State has never been questioned.

These barbaric methods of eliminating internal embarrassments have so far succeeded, but Hitler seems to be in danger of confusing the effect of his Party purge of 1934 with a military purge of 1939. He will awaken to his error when he finds that the Reichswahr, although perhaps capable of petty jealousies, is just as jealous for its own good name, and the good name of its high officers. Hitler may imagine that he can take supreme command of the German army, but he will never be allowed to do so by his Reichswahr, who are still powerful to make or break the dictator.

The Reichswahr are fully aware that army purges in the middle of a war are a real sign of weakness; in this case it is not the weakness of the army or its leaders, but of Hitler, the dictator. The Reichswahr is more likely to depose Hitler before permitting the world to believe that there is a vital weakness in the German Military Machine, and Hitler will be seeking a much earlier doom than awaits him at the hands of the Allies if he permits his petty whims to take precedence in such vital decisions.



WITH 999 APOLOGIES TO HEATH ROBINSON
(There are 999 persons on the staff of the Ministry of Information)
—Strube in the London "Daily Express"

Most Germans still don't know the truth

by
G. Ward Price

WHAT are the German people thinking about this war? Not the party officials left to keep watch upon the civil population, but the ordinary, stay-at-home citizen, too old to have been called up yet, who is consequently carrying on his job as shopkeeper or craftsman, or farmworker? What is he saying over his 20-per-cent-watered beer while he sits at his Stammtisch?—as they call a table reserved for a particular set of customers.

In Nazi eyes, these older people count only as citizens of the second class, yet, in a long war, it is they—the people who keep the factories, mines, and food-crops going—whose endurance will matter more than any other element of national defence.

Not being members of the party—for few of them had joined before Hitler came to power, and now only the young are eligible—they have not sworn the oaths or experienced the strict schooling of Nazi discipline. Of course, they greet each other with Heil Hitler, and are always ready to hang out flags to order, since that is elementary prudence in Germany.

THEY belong to the type of whom their Blockwart, or local party supervisor, reports to his chiefs that they are respectable and politically gut-feeling, or politically well-disposed.

Such people have only the German wireless and the stereotyped Press to tell them what is going on, and there can be no doubt that to their simple minds Germany's war-plans seem to have been crowned with success.

They think they are seeing fulfilment of the Führer's promise—a cheap and short war of conquest in the East, with the German "West Wall," as they now call the Siegfried Line, securely holding their adversaries at bay in the West.

"Mensch, ich sage Dir!" I can almost hear them saying, with portentous earnestness and bulging eyes, "I tell you, the

Führer das ist ein Mann! He knows what he is about! Shameless as long as Germany remains flushed with victory. The German who is not gripped by the party machine, however, is likely to become pacific when things begin to go wrong for his side.

And the rest of the evening would be devoted to discussion of how Germany could best divide up the British Empire.

IN view of the Army's successes, against the Poles, public morale in Germany is probably better than it was when the war began, six weeks ago. The Polish victory has convinced the German people that all is going according to Hitler's infallible plan.

At this stage no immediate result can be expected, therefore, from the dropping of propaganda pamphlets over Germany. Appeals to the pacific

EVERY athlete knows that to be overtrained is one of the worst of disadvantages.
PLEASE To Turn Page 9.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"and here's how Junior mopped up on me when I tried out our best attack manoeuvre on him last night."

"UJT JT JO D JQIFS"

—"this is in cipher"

(but one of the simplest of all ciphers, dear to schoolboys. Do you see how it works?)

MAYBE it is simple. But if you tried to send a cable like this from Hongkong you'd be pulled up quickly.

Cipher is hard to break, unless you have the key. But the British Intelligence Department broke the strongest German ciphers during the last war.

It deals with all types of codes and ciphers.

The difference between a code and a cipher is this: In a code, a code-word (four, five or seven letters long) stands for maybe a whole sentence of message, whereas a cipher is a letter-for-letter affair.

You usually need a code book or dictionary for codes, and the code book can only hold a limited number of phrases.

Ciphers express more exact-shades of meaning, and so you can take it that Hitler's message was sent in cipher rather than in code.

The British ciphers and codes are changed at irregular intervals in order to keep foreign secret services guessing.

The Foreign Office uses code instead of cipher for shorter routine messages. The Secret Service also prefers code, which shortens messages most conveniently.

The Navy prefers code because it is very hard to "break." (Even if one word is decoded the other words may remain hidden).

The Army prefers cipher—the danger of code-books falling into enemy hands is great.

Since the 1914-18 war, cipher-writing machines have come out. You type on them as if you were using a typewriter, but certain adjustable cogs and cams turn your message into cipher—so effectively that the tell-tale letters "un" (whose constant reappearance is the giveaway to many of the simpler ciphers) will not have the same equivalents more than once in 500 times.

But these machines will never be camp followers of the Army.

Besides being heavy to move around they need plenty of electricity—not easily laid on to the front line.

Making new ciphers needs ingenuity, but making new codes may involve three to four years hard work. So says Mr. Ernest Quick, seventy-two-year-old director of one of the most successful commercial shipping codes.

Quick, born in Fetter-lane, was a gold prospector at nineteen. He then went round the world selling maps and code books to shipping companies.

The code in which he is interested has 530,000 different phrases, including 6,500 on oil, 130,700 on names of ports with combinations, 1,525 phrases on Danzig, and mathematical percentage tables.

The code book costs £8 a copy. Phrases for it were taken from ordinary business correspondence. It took four years to sort them out and code them.

Mr. Quick also sells code books which you can fill in with your own phrases (£2). You can have a private cipher. Many business men have one which they change every week or so.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (UP).—Senator Key Pittman to-day agreed to amend the Administration's Neutrality Bill by eliminating the three months credit and restoring a strictly cash and carry basis. "We deem it wise to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding," he explained.

It is expected that this decision will ease the path for the final passage of the measure.

Meanwhile the isolationists, at a meeting in Senator William Johnson's office, to-day killed the Administration's hope of ending the general debate this week. They said they have sufficient speakers to carry the fight into next week at least.

SOVIET TO DOMINATE BALTIC

Latest Conclusions In Special War Commentary

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The reported demands of Soviet Russia upon Finland would, if granted, constitute complete Russian dominance in North Baltic, which could only be directed against Germany, says a special commentary.

A military pact between Finland and Russia would mean a most unnatural alliance and of no military value.

It is the custom of German propaganda to run the hare to death, and it can only be repeated that the German accusations that Britain supplied gas to Poland are a sheer invention.

Germans always seek to accuse others of an outrage before themselves committing it.

U-Boats Lose Sting

When the sinkings of British and French merchant ships were diminished at the beginning of October, renewed outbreaks of U-boat activity were expected to occur later, but with each outbreak the swing of the pendulum becomes smaller as the losses of the submarine increase.

During the first month of the war, the sinkings of British ships were only a fraction of the losses suffered in April, 1917, when Britain alone lost a million tons of shipping. Yet the people never went hungry.

To-day Britain has a store-house of food and war materials, and the Navy has the measures of the U-boat. Germany's exterior, which she terms the British blockade, are the measure of its effectiveness. Actually there is no blockade. Britain is merely exercising her right under International Law to prevent the enemy from importing materials with which to wage a war.

Germany has retaliated, not by taking neutral ships into port for examination, but by sinking them by mine and torpedo.

No single neutral life was sacrificed by British naval action against shipping.

Loss Of Royal Oak

The inevitable British contraband control caused a delay in the early days of the war, because, during September over 400 merchantmen were examined, but it is better to delay the cargoes than to drown the seamen.

The loss of the Royal Oak leaves Britain still with a great and sufficient preponderance of battleships over Germany who was long prohibited from building ships capable of taking their place in the line of battle.

The Royal Oak was one of the oldest British battleships and would have been scrapped if war had not broken out.

Reaction to Col. Lindbergh's speech in Canada has taken the form of a new recruiting drive with the object of contributing 15,000 airmen to the Empire training scheme. More than half the number have already enrolled.

The first contingent of Australian pilots arrived in London and joined the R.A.F. on Friday.

CONCERT AT ST. ANDREW'S

A concert has been arranged by Christ Church for next Tuesday night at which some of the Colony's best talent will be represented.

Helen Lockhart has arranged the programme which will include songs from Sullivan, Tosti, Denza, Purcell, Teichowsky among many others. True Lewis is to give two violin solos. The artists taking part are Eva Turner, Helen Lockhart, Gaston D'Aquino, Victor Sanders, J. R. M. Smith and E. O'Neill Shaw.

The concert is being held in St. Andrew's Church Hall and commences at 8.45 p.m. Tickets will be obtainable at the door.

Japan Improves Trade With Hongkong

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Oct. 17 (Domei).—Japan's exports to Manchoukuo, the Kwantung Leased Territory, China and Hongkong for September totalled Yen 178,535,000, and her imports to these countries during the same period amounted to Yen 38,008,000, resulting in an excess of exports over imports to the value of Yen 140,527,000, according to statistics compiled by the Finance Ministry.

The figures show an increase of Yen 10,672,000 or 72 per cent. in exports, and Yen 4,243,000 or 12 per cent. in imports.

Exports to Manchoukuo amounted to Yen 55,170,000, those to the Kwan-

To Prohibit All Credit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Administration leaders of the Senate have agreed to amend the U.S. Neutrality Revision Bill, providing for repeal of the arms embargo, so as to prohibit all credit to the warring governments.

Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, proposed the amendment which will delete the provision for 90-day credits included in the present Bill.

As the result of Senator Pittman's move, Administration leaders count on gaining the support of a number of senators favouring the repeal of the arms embargo but desiring the "cash and carry" system for other exports which will be stricter than that in the Bill.

Meanwhile, Senator Bankhead, Speaker in the House of Representatives, told a press conference that he was confident that the House would pass the Neutrality Bill.

FAITH IN BRITAIN'S YOUTH

Stirring Message By Labour Minister

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 16, (Reuter).

"We all entered this struggle grimly resolved to see it through to the end," declared Mr. Ernest Brown, the Minister of Labour, broadcasting to men aged 20 to 22, who have been called up to report on Saturday.

Mr. Brown added he was convinced that they would show "the same selfless devotion to duty, the same cheerful courage in adversity and the same quiet determination which, throughout the centuries, have epitomised the spirit of our manhood, and led us surely through the dark hours of danger along the road to victory."

POLISH TROOPS STILL FIGHTING

Paris, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Polish regular troops are still resisting the German and Russian forces, according to information reaching the Polish Embassy.

It is stated that fighting is still proceeding against the Germans in the region of Sawaiki near the Lithuanian frontier, and the Carpathians, while the Russians are being opposed on the Polish marshes, and the thickly wooded Mount Bialowieska.

Gorman Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (UP).—The German High Command has issued a communiqué saying: "After the conclusion of troop movements and a tour of the final frontier in Poland, no further communications will be issued by the High Command."

"On the Western Front there is only minor activity and slight artillery fire. On the Rhine, the French were forced to evacuate one pill box due to floods."

Beer For Tommies

Indications of how firmly at home the British Expeditionary Force is in France may be learned from the news that last week 50,000,000 pint bottles of British beer were sent across to the Tommies.

It appears that they prefer their native to the French product.

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BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS BRISTLING WITH GUNS

Admiralty Creating New Navy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 16

(Reuter).—According to a statement issued by the Press Bureau, the Admiralty is rapidly converting large numbers of fishing craft into vessels capable of catching other prey.

Armed merchant cruisers bristling with armaments and commanded by naval officers will prove a formidable addition to the Navy.

In famous liners, luxury has given place to utility and fighting power, and these ships, with high sea speed, will play a vital part in sea warfare.

Yachts Chartered

The Admiralty has also chartered an enormous number of yachts for anti-submarine coastal patrol work. More than 8,000 were surveyed before the war and many went into service when it broke out.

Thousands of merchant seamen have been trained in gunnery since 1937. One establishment of several trained over 2,500 merchant officers and men in gunnery.

Hitler's Peace Fiasco

GERMANY NOW AT WIT'S END

LONDON, Oct. 16, (Reuter).

—The German Government is still at a loss regarding its next move in view of the identical French and British reaction to Hitler's attempt to get "his" peace without yielding any of his plunder.

It is suggested in some quarters that he might try and get the Russian and Italian leaders into conference, but tentative attempts in this direction have been received coldly by Moscow and Rome.

Fantastic Claims

The Reich is now trying to keep up the spirit by reporting the most fantastic and fictitious naval successes.

At first it was reported that H.M.S. Repulse had been torpedoed and "badly damaged and disabled." An hour later, the official agency said that this statement would have to be corrected. The Repulse had merely been attacked and torpedoed.

Needless to say the whole story, which deserves to be put alongside the Nazi accounts of the "destruction" of the Ark Royal, is absolutely without foundation.

LETTERS

Taxation

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I confess to a feeling of nausea when reading the article or letter by "Parent" in your valuable journal. "Parent," like a good many others in Hongkong seems to have lost his true sense of perspective entirely. To hear his petty complaints when millions of his own countrymen are about to sacrifice their very lives and the whole future happiness of their wives and families and when I personally have raised two sons tenderly and have invested money on their education only to see them march to France to defend, amongst many others, "Parent" and his family from future danger.

That his countrymen at home have to pay 7s. 6d. in the £1 would of course convey nothing to any such parent who could have signed a letter displaying such blatant ignorance and selfishness.

FATHER OF TWO TOMMIES.

Stock Market Is In Bouyant Mood

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The strength of all-edged securities has encouraged the whole market, War Loan rising from 83½ to 90.

The reason for the advance is difficult to define, but it is generally believed to be due to a favourable interpretation of the war's progress, while purely monetary encouragement is derived from the announcement that the Canadian Government is repaying £28,000,000 at 3½ per cent. on the loan maturing 1939-50.

Wall Street is quietly easier.

CAROL'S BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King to-day sent a message of congratulations to King Carol of Rumania on his 40th birthday.

500 Japanese Exterminated

General Chen Cheng revealed that the Chinese troops, last Sunday, exterminated 500 Japanese at Hupuchen on the highway to Fengshin where the Chinese vanguard is making a thrust. He said that the Chinese surrounded 3,000 Japanese soldiers at Tuncheng and expected the fall of the city momentarily.

He said that the Chinese are also making a thrust northeast of Yochow, but will not make a direct attack, although guerrillas had destroyed the Japanese defences at Yochow when the Japanese garrison was depleted for the Changsha offensive.

JAPANESE MISSION

TOKYO, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The Japanese Cabinet has appointed Mr. Taisuo Kawai, Chief of the Information Bureau of the Foreign Office, to a special mission in Europe and America.



SHEKKI IN RUINS:—This is what parts of Shekchi, well-known Chinese city near Macao looked like after the recent Japanese air raids, which devastated the place, and left shambles for buildings.

Further Reports Of China Peace Moves

TOKYO, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—COMMENTING upon the likelihood of moves for peace by the Chinese Government, the "Asahi Shimbun" says to-day that it is significant that foreign powers, especially Britain and France, are reported to be counselling General Chiang Kai-shek to make peace with Japan.

The paper adds that while strictly suspending the transit of arms to Yunnan from French Indo-China, the French Government is reported to have advised the Chungking Government to seek a peaceful settlement of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the Soviet further alleges, recently advised on similar lines.

Chinese Forces Active

CHUNGKING, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Chinese mobile forces have been active along the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow Railways, according to dispatches received here.

Reports from Kiangsu Province say that Chinese units along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway are engaging Japanese troops in the vicinity of Chingchow, about half way between Shanghai and Nanking.

Hunan Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NANYO, Hunan, Oct. 16 (UP).—Showing traces of fatigue from the burden of the past weeks, when he averaged only two hours sleep each night, General Chen Cheng, Director of the Political Affairs Board of the National Military Council, received correspondents in this nearly isolated city where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, after the fall of Wuhan, laid the ground work for the famous Nanyo all fronts strategy.

General Chen Cheng proudly outlined the Chinese tactics in destroying communications. From Yochow to Hongyang we rode through one of the richest agricultural areas of China where the only signs of war activity were the peasants carrying small trees as camouflage against air attacks and a few units of artillery rolling forward, writes a "United Press" correspondent. Along the highways, thousands of coolies were digging feverishly preparing for final destruction if the Japanese advance succeeds.

New Move By Bank Of England

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 16 (UP).—In a move which is generally regarded as complementing the complete equality of the Allied currencies, the Bank of England to-day announced that henceforth they will purchase 30-day French francs at par.

To-day saw the first change in forward rates since September 20. Although they officially ignored sterling's weakness in the free market, New York bankers lowered sterling in terms of Continental currencies.

March Into Vilna

Lithuanian Troops Start Taking Over

KAUNAS, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Lithuanian troops now marching into Vilna are taking supplies of sugar, salt, and petrol with them to relieve the shortage.

Soviet troops are now said to be withdrawing to the new Soviet-Lithuanian border.

Occupation To-day

KAUNAS, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Lithuanian troops marched into Vilna territory to-day and will occupy the city on October 17.

The Lithuanian Government proposes to grant citizenship only to people born in Vilna, or living there in November, 1918.

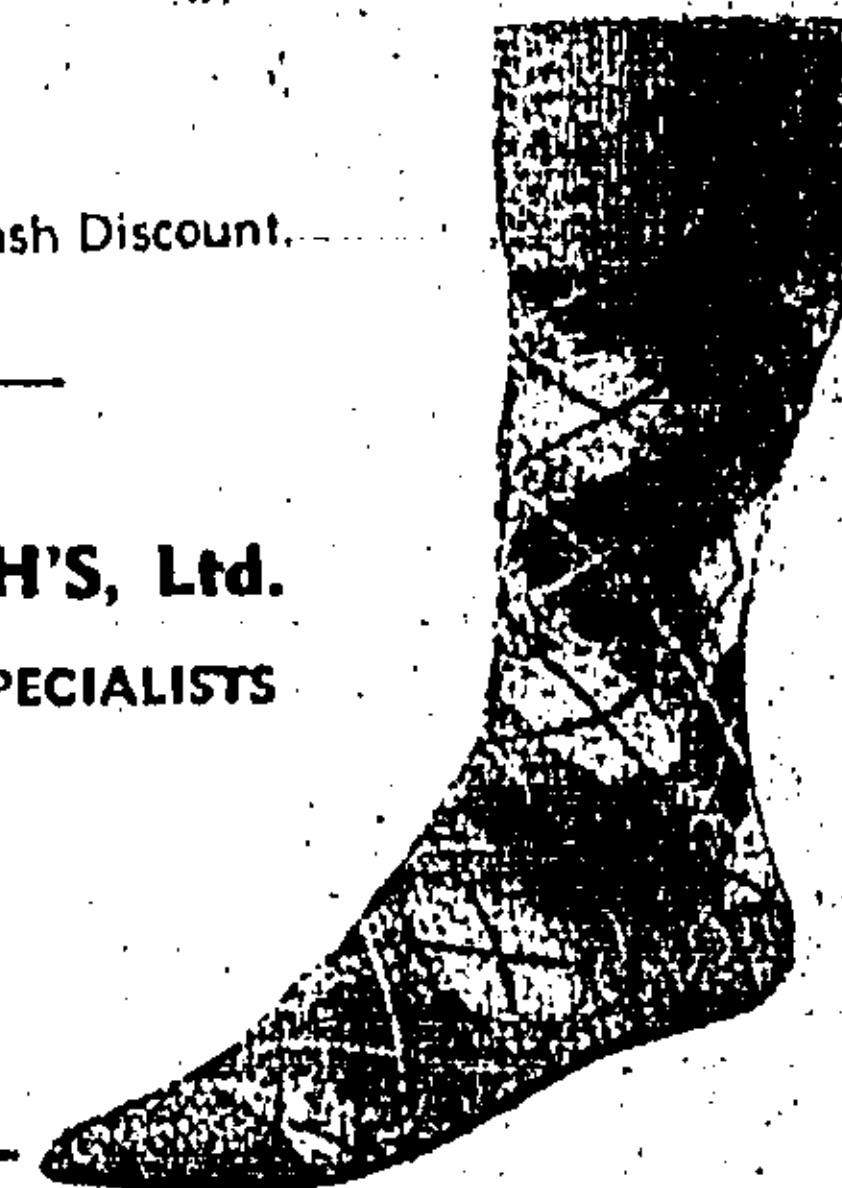
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VOLUNTEER DUTY AND CRICKET

Brilliant Innings By A. E. Perry For Civil Service C.C.

(By "Tinker")

VOLUNTEER duty calls had effect on at least one cricket match over the week-end, that being between the Hongkong C.C. and the Civil Service C.C., and in consequence the "A" elevens turned out.

I know it is hoped, and I understand it is being arranged, that, as far as possible during the season, Volunteer duties will not clash with week-end sports fixtures, but if they do it will be readily understood that it was unavoidable.

True to last season's form, when they found scores of 110 and 120 sufficient to hold their opponents, Club de Recreo, the champions, were trundled out for 100 by the Royal Air Force, who, however, were only able to score just over half of that total, losing five wickets in the mean time. Recreo were without several of the old brigade of last season. The absence of Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, E. M. L. Soares, L. G. Gosano and P. M. N. da Silva made a great difference to the batting strength, but even when these four got going, Recreo's captain, last year, heaved a great sigh of relief when the last match was over and won. It was a sigh which no doubt found ten echoes. The E. L. Cosmo-Ozorio battery opened without any particular strain. The fielding was as keen as ever, and despite W. G. New's excellent effort of 37, the airman could not get the ball away often enough to score. The ground was hard and fast, too. W. Gillespie, a medium paced bowler, managed to get something out of the pitch, and deservedly claimed 5 for 23. H. A. Barros included one or two nice shots in his 32. His difficulty at one time seemed to be to get someone to play with him. H. L. Ozorio, however, collected a real stone-wall when he dug in, collected a valuable 10 runs not out towards the end.

Captain's Innings

THE brilliant feature of the week-end was the fine captain's innings of 90 by A. E. Perry, to enable the Civil Service C.C. to beat the Hongkong C.C. "A" by six wickets. The Cricket Club declared after scoring 158 for eight, to which G. E. R. Divett contributed 78 in typical hard-hitting style, scoring 56 in boundary hitting. Perry opened with F. E. Lawrence and played enterprising cricket from the start, claiming 50 of the first 97 runs. Mostly with well-timed hooks and drives, he reached the boundary on 18 occasions. He was missed at 30, and his great innings came to a close with the score at 122, when he attempted to lift one out of the ground. John

SPORT ADVTS

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THE NINTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 21st October, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock Noon.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21930).

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BASKETBALL AND SOFTBALL

AMERICAN GIRLS COMING EAST

MANILA, Sept. 28 (UP).—A group of 32 American girls, all expert basketball and softball players, will leave San Francisco on the American President Lines vessel President Taft on October 30 for the Orient and a barnstorming tour of the Philippines. Jess Cortes, sports promoter, announced to-day. The group is due here on November 27.

Rugby

Final Club Trial

THE final Club trial game will take place on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. Two sides have been provisionally selected as follows, but there will be changes during the course of play and all members present will be sure of a game. Probables will play in coloured jerseys and Possibles in white.

Probables.—F. M. Thompson, D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, D. H. Hamilton, D. I. Bosanquet, C. R. Bursey, J. R. Henderson, A. F. Walker, (Captain), K. W. Salter, E. A. Bompas, C. F. Needham, W. E. Peers, G. B. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor, B. O'Keefe.

Possibles.—H. F. Hopkins, H. van Leeuwen, J. G. Day, J. C. Charter, R. M. Lavalle, F. Cessford, R. Rutherford, J. M. Banner, J. S. Dunnett (Captain), R. E. Hensman, J. H. Thornhill, W. Blechynen, W. B. Richardson, L. A. Benn and D. Hyndes.

Reserves.—A. H. R. Butcher, I. Eager, J. Hutchison, D. B. Nelson, P. B. Wilson, R. G. Castleton, R. M. King, J. C. McMillin, J. Moodie and F. Wanklyn.

THE first matches of the season will take place on the Club ground on Saturday, October 21, when the Club "A" XV will play a Navy side and the Club 1st XV the Army.

Swimming

Inter-School Championships

The annual Inter-School Swimming and Diving Championships will be held in the Victoria Recreation Club commencing this afternoon at 2 p.m., with the heats and terminating on Friday, October 20, with the finals.

Many of the Colony's leading Chinese swimmers will be on view and some thrilling finishes are anticipated.

Nine schools are taking part, comprising St. Joseph's College, La Salle College, Wah Yan College, St. Stephen's College, King's College, Queen's College, St. Paul's College, Central British School, and Diocesan Boys' School.

The order of events is: 100 yards free-style, 50 yards back-stroke, 100 yards breast-stroke,

Golf

Colony Championship Starting Times

THE following are the starting times arranged for the Amateur Golf Championship of Hongkong which will be played at Fanling on Sunday, October 22:

Old Course		New Course	
9.15 a.m.	D. Humphreys	and T. Lamb	1.00 p.m.
9.20 "	J. B. Mackie	and A. J. Dennis	1.05 "
9.25 "	J. T. Smith	and J. J. Basto	1.10 "
9.30 "	A. E. Linsaman	and A. W. Ramsey	1.15 "
9.35 "	L. Goldman	and W. Ahorn	1.20 "
9.40 "	S. H. Dodwell	and A. A. Lopes	1.25 "
New Course		Old Course	
9.15 a.m.	A. Tomlinson	and M. G. Marriott	1.00 p.m.
9.20 "	K. S. Robertson	and E. Churn	1.05 "
9.25 "	F. D. Hunter	and G. M. Park	1.10 "
9.30 "	Major Johnstone	and W. C. Simpson	1.15 "
9.35 "	T. A. Pearce	and F. Davis	1.20 "
9.40 "	D. S. Edward	and F. E. A. Remedios	1.25 "

Women's Hockey

Promotion And Relegation Abolished

AT THE annual meeting of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association yesterday at the Gloucester Hotel, two important resolutions were passed.

The rule introduced last year relating to promotion of the top team in the Brawn Cup League to the Caer Clark Cup, and relegation of the bottom team in the senior League to the Brawn Cup, was abolished and substituted by a new rule which allows any club possessing two teams to enter one in each division, or, in the case of a Club possessing only one team, to nominate whichever division they desire to enter.

The second resolution suggested that in the Seven-a-Side Tournament the team forcing most corners be declared the winners in a drawn game.

Miss M. L. Whitley, vice-president, was in the chair and was supported by Mrs. A. E. Webb, Hon. Secretary, and Miss I. Woolley, while all Clubs were represented. Mrs. T. E. Pearce was re-elected President for the ensuing season, while Mrs. J. Lunson (H.K.) was elected Vice-President.

Mrs. Webb, retiring Hon. Secretary, said that although the rules laid down that every club affiliated to the Association should nominate at least one member of their club for the post of Hon. Secretary, she had not received any. Although no names were submitted Miss E. Finlay had consented to become Asst. Hon. Secretary.

New Council Chosen

The Council for the coming season was announced as follows: C.E.A.—Miss I. Woolley and Miss D. Moss; St. Andrew's—Miss F. Wong and Miss G. White; "Y"—Mrs. O. Burnett and Mrs. Stone; H.K.—Miss J. Greig and Miss N. Quin; Recreo.—Miss M. Remedios and Miss B. Remedios; C.B.S.—Miss M. Shand and Miss J. Bradbury; D.G.S.—Miss E. Churn and Miss C. Kotewall.

The Hon. Secretary said she had received a letter from the Chandler Sports Club to the effect that they were playing a Royal Navy team at hockey on November 5, at 3 p.m. on the Navy ground, and hoped the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association could field two teams representing the Island and Mainland to play immediately afterwards. It was proposed to charge a gate and donate the entire proceeds to the British War Organisation Fund.

Miss J. Greig (Dina House) and Mrs. Dalziel (Seven Sisters Quarry Day) and Miss M. Smalley (Medical Dept.) and Miss I. Woolley (Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels) were nominated to select the Island and Mainland teams, respectively. All players are requested to get in touch with these two Committees, notifying the position on the field in which they wish to play.

Boys' Golf Title For Scotland

Scotland, represented by Sandy Williamson, of Edinburgh, beat England, represented by Kenneth Thom, of Thorpe Hall, Essex, in the Boys' Golf Championship at Carnoustie.

Williamson, playing much more accurate golf and taking full advantage of early mistakes by the English boy, won by 4 and 2, despite a late but gallant recovery by Thom.

The feature of the match was the tremendous tee shots of both lads. Thom, indeed, was too strong with his drive at the second and lost the hole.

Thom hooked his tee shot at the fourth and landed in a water hazard to give Williamson a lead of two. Williamson became three up at the sixth where Thom was twice in the rough, while at the short eighth the English boy was again too strong with his drive and Williamson secured a lead of four.

THREE UP AT TURN
At the ninth Thom was bunkered near the green but made a sensational recovery to win the hole in 4 to 5, giving Williamson a lead of three at the turn.

Williamson won the ninth in 4 to 5. Thom halved the next by holing from 10 yards after Williamson himself had sunk a putt of 10 yards. Thom left himself a three-quarter stroke at the next, but in trying to save his ball round his opponent he touched Williamson's ball in and remained out himself.

The next four holes were halved, but Thom won back a hole at the eighth, and was five down at the turn.

Then came Thom's effort. First, he made a good recovery after his tee shot had landed in the rough to win the 10th. He won the next three holes by superb golf to reduce Williamson's lead to one. The Scot, however, pulled himself together, and took the next three holes in a row to win the match.

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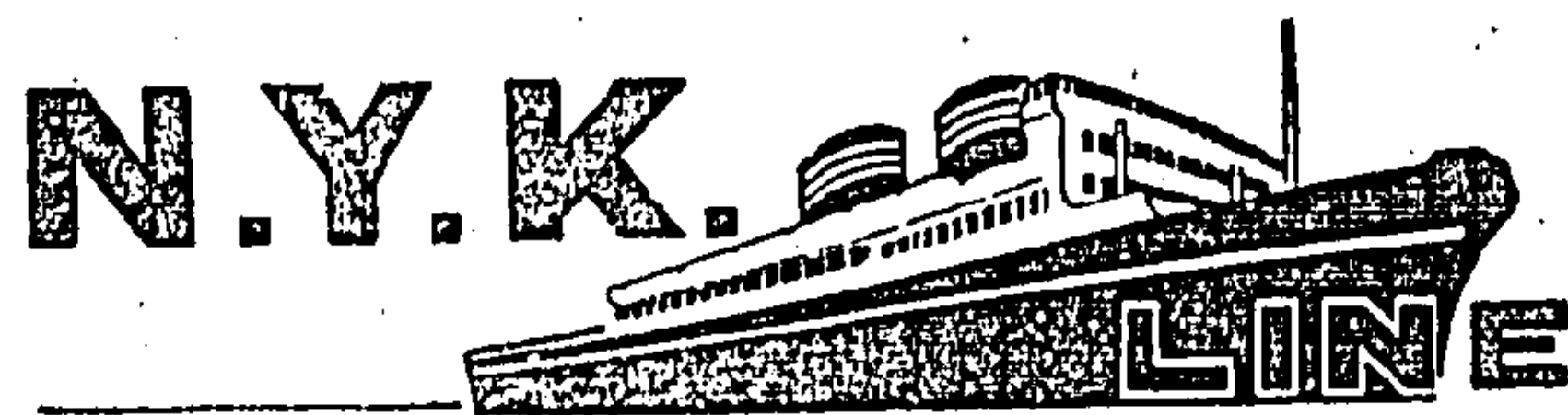
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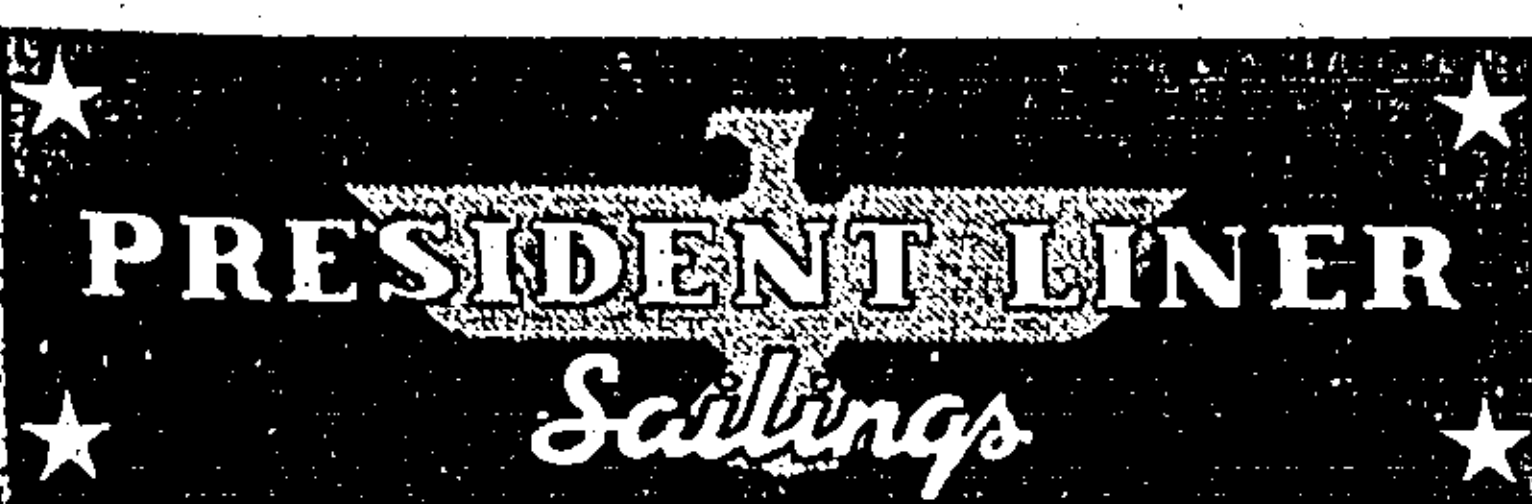
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PHOTONEWS



LOOKING back for a last snapshot, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor made this happy, informal study recently. It was their first full day in England after an absence of nearly three years, and they were returning indoors after posing for pictures—when a final request made them turn round.

TURKEY STANDS FIRM

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negotiations with Russia will soon be completed on a satisfactory basis.

Soviet And Finland
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HELSINKI, Oct. 16 (UP).—Immediately after his arrival here to-day, M. Paasikivi, the Finnish Envoy to Moscow, went to Government House where he met the Finnish Foreign Minister.

Later, the Inner Cabinet met in an important session.

It is understood that the conferences will be expedited as much as possible to enable M. Paasikivi to return to Moscow this week, probably on Friday.

In consequence of the Finnish mobilisation of young men, numerous weddings are now taking place throughout the country.

Hogland Evacuated
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HELSINKI, Oct. 16 (UP).—The Hogland, in the Finnish Gulf, has been evacuated. The population of approximately 1,000 have been distributed to Finnish south coast towns.

To Close Dardanelles?
ROME, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—According to Rome wireless, the following will be the result of the Soviet-Turkish talks:
Russia and Turkey will pledge themselves not to support any act of aggression against the other;
Turkey will close the Dardanelles to belligerent warships;
Russia will give assurances that she has no aggressive intentions towards Rumania.

There is no confirmation of these reports from other sources.

LOSSES IN NAZI DRIVE WOULD BE "FRIGHTFUL"

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completing the picture of preparations for an offensive.
The military correspondent says it is not yet known when the offensive will start.
"It is more difficult to answer this question, since the enemy's reconnaissance expeditions undertaken during the last few days betray a certain hesitation and lack of confidence in face of the uncertain future," the correspondent asserts.

TRAFFIC COURT

EUROPEANS IN COURT

A SUMMONS against T. S. Fraser, of the Public Works Department, for allegedly driving a car while under the influence of drink on August 17, was adjourned at the Central Magistracy this morning until November 6 at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth represented the defendant.

Parked Too Long
G. W. Sewell, of Messrs. Robertson, Wilson and Co. Ltd., was fined \$5 by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when summoned for leaving his car in the Connaught Road car park over the time-limit of two hours on September 30.

MUSSOLINI'S INTENTIONS

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The Italian radio hints that the new Italian Ambassador to London bears a message from Il Duce expressing the latter's intention to establish a better equilibrium between the Balkans and the Danube Basin.

Italian Denial
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Oct. 16 (UP).—Before making a visit to Lord Halifax to-day, the Italian Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Signor Giuseppe Bastianini, denied to the press that he was the bearer of peace proposals from Mussolini.

Hitler And Stalin
LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Hitler sent a special courier to Moscow during the week-end with messages for Stalin, reports from Berlin state.
The nature of Hitler's message is not known, but these reports state that Stalin's answer would have an important bearing on Hitler's plans.

EMBARGO REPEAL FAVOURED

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The American Institute of Public Opinion, following continuous surveys of public opinion on the Arms

BIG DRIVE REPULSED

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to break through the Maginot Line regardless of the cost of lives.

Probable German Tactics
Judging by the previous German tactics, it is estimated that the attacks will come all along the Rhine-Meuse front, which will be most heavily pressed on two or three points along level ground, by masses of tanks supported by intense action of planes flying low and machine-gunning in order to prevent anti-aircraft action against bombers who follow them.

The French have made all preparations for these eventualities.
German tanks must pass minefields and arens swept by fire, while German planes will be faced by a barrage of bullets and shells.

British troops, according to "Excelsior," are also manning part on the Maginot Line on the Rhine front and the Germans, if they attack that sector, will be up against 30,000 men of the British Army highly trained in the use of modern weapons and very active in manning the complicated mechanism of the Maginot Line which can face an adversary with a rain of fire and death, through which neither man nor machine can pass.

These 30,000 troops are regarded here as the forerunners of what the Germans have to face. Before long 32 British divisions will be in France.

Winter Offensive?
LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—In the view of some circles, the German High Command may be "compelled" to launch a winter offensive.

Reports from Paris state that there is great activity behind the German lines between Moselle and the Sarre. There was every sign on Sunday night that re-inforcements were being brought up, including many tanks and armoured cars.

As a result French artillery has been very active.

If the Germans do launch a major attack, the Allied Command is confident.
A German offensive would be a desperate move which would result in the loss of many German lives and much valuable material difficult to replace.

Robbers' Gun Duels With Police

Early Morning N.T. Incidents

A fusillade of shots was exchanged between a suspected gang of robbers and a police patrol at Lui Pok Gap near Sheung Shui early this morning. The gang entered four houses in Sheung Shui and robbed the occupants of money and property valued at \$69.

On leaving the village, the robbers, four in number and armed with revolvers and a rifle, encountered Detective-Sergeant C304 So Hung, who challenged them and fired six rounds from his revolver, but missed them. The robbers returned the fire, and got away.

No Casualties

About 3.15 a.m. an Indian patrol of four men, who had been sent from Lo Wu to ambush the gang at Lui Pok Gap, sighted four men walking towards them. On being challenged the gang fired at the policemen, who returned the fire. The robbers broke and made good their escape.

No casualties were suffered on either side. It is estimated that the robbers fired about 25 rounds, while the Police themselves fired 34 rounds.

While committing the robbery, the gang wore masks.

H.K. GIRL WEDS IN SINGAPORE

LIEUT. Douglas Lambert, of H.M.S. Regent, son of the late Mr. Douglas Lambert and Mrs. J. Cruickshank, was married at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore last week, to Miss Ivy Serita Julia Gordon, daughter of Major A. J. M. Gordon, late of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and Mrs. Gordon of The Peak.

The Rev. W. J. Williams took the service.

The bride, who was given away by Lieut. J. Liversey, of the Royal Navy, wore a short white dress of French crepe, with a coat to match, trimmed with white brail and white accessories.

Mrs. R. C. Gaskell, another Hong-kong girl, the daughter of a Chinese housewife, and the bride's mother was in pink with brown accessories.

Lieut. D. W. Leggett was best man. Groomsman were Lieut. H. G. Southwood, and Lieut. S. A. Porter, both of the Royal Navy.

The reception was held at the Airport Hotel.

More German Lies Denied

Portuguese Neutrality And Britain

LONDON, Oct. 16.—In broadcasts directed on South America, Germans have been claiming to create an impression that there is dissatisfaction in Britain regarding the Portuguese Policy of neutrality. It is even alleged that Britain is scheming for the overthrow of the Dr. Salazar regime.

The truth is, of course, that Dr. Salazar is held in the highest esteem in Britain for his political achievements no less than his personal qualities.

So far from there being any criticism here of Portugal's present policy, it has been made clear on several occasions recently that in the British view this policy is in the best interests of both countries. When Dr. Salazar recently addressed the Portuguese National Assembly, the "generous tribute which he paid to Britain evoked a warm response here and the occasion was notable for a demonstration of cordiality of Anglo-Portuguese relations.

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Russo-Finnish Issue

PRACTICAL SOLUTION EXPECTED

HELSINKI, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—A Foreign Office spokesman said there is every hope of a practical solution being found to the questions discussed at Moscow.

He added that the Finnish Government would go as far as possible to find a way to a peaceful solution, and that M. Paasikivi would return to Moscow as soon as possible to continue conversations.

The statement followed the report by M. Paasikivi to the Government on his talks with M. Stalin and M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissioner.

Finns Return

HELSINKI, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The Finnish delegation to Moscow arrived here to-day and were welcomed by members of the Cabinet and the Swedish Minister. They are expected to return to Moscow on Thursday to continue the talks, but this depends on the outcome of the Stockholm conference on Wednesday.

It is reported that the excuse given by Moscow for non-attendance of a Soviet representative at the Finnish Minister's departure was that the representative's car broke down.

VAST WAR ARMAMENTS

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—"Colossal" is the only word to describe the activity in Britain's armament works and warship building yards, a tour of which has just been completed by a "Reuter" representative.

One of the great steelworks, where the world's latest equipment is working to produce all types of armaments, employ 19,000 men and women. The works are functioning for 24 hours a day and a seven day week.

Despite the long hours, the workers' spirit is excellent, and as a result of their enthusiasm efficiency has increased, and the output has risen.

One factory alone has now an annual rate of consumption of coal, electricity and gas equal to three times the peace time rate.

BOAT TRAIN COLLISION

Casualties Feared

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The boat train from Euston to Heysham was in collision with a goods train near Warrington, Lancashire, to-night.

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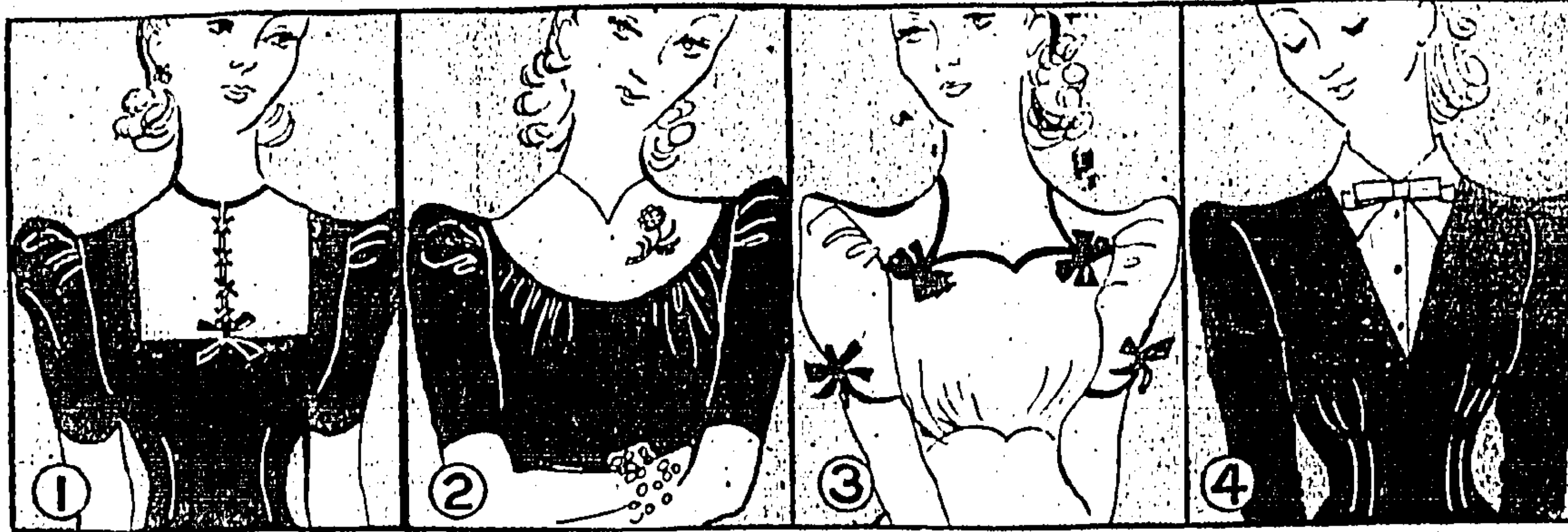
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Cheer that dress up, too

THERE has always been one practically infallible outlet for a woman during troubled times, and that is for her to do something about her clothes. I don't think any of us feel very expensive, but that is no reason why we shouldn't do our own up.

Here are four suggestions for altering the neckline of last year's frock. They are little, trivial alterations enough, but they use up moments of time which might otherwise be put to brooding.



Let Us Be Sociable

SOCIABILITY is a virtue more praised than practised—sociability, that is, in its wider, fuller sense, as expressed in frank, spontaneous, affability, not only towards those in our immediate circle of friends, but also towards those with whom we come in contact in the ordinary experience of the day.

We are all aware, for instance, of the general air of aloofness that makes people travelling together in the same compartment of a railway carriage. Even on the country roads, people pass each other with a stony stare or an air of studied indifference.

In places of public entertainment, where one would naturally expect an atmosphere of friendliness and geniality, there are at times, not wanting signs of actual hostility among the audience.

In churches this lack of sociability has long given occasion to outsiders to indulge in criticism regarding the so-called inconsistency existing between the profession and the behaviour of church-goers.

A well-known city minister has told how, when visiting his members, an old lady said to him—"Do you know that though I've been a member of your church for over twenty years, not one of the members has ever

spoken to me?" "Why, that is very strange," he replied. "And have you never spoken to them?" "Certainly not," came the quick answer. "I would not presume to speak first. Perhaps, or it may be shyness, too, often blocks the way to friendly intercourse. And yet, when we manage to overcome this reluctance to exchange civilities with strangers, how pleasing (usually) is the reward. How pleasant to find that our modest salutation, nine times out of ten, meets with a quick and smiling response."

It goes without saying, of course, that friendly or just polite advances to strangers cannot be made indiscriminately. But though, for instance, one could not politely salute strangers when passing along Princes Street without the risk of being thought queer, it does not follow that one should adopt a forbidding air of aloofness, nor when deigning to glance at passers-by, is it necessary to "freeze" them with an icy stare!

If each of us, in our own sphere, would do our little bit towards breaking down those dividing walls that convention and habit, and pride, and business have reared between members of the human family, the efforts made would undoubtedly help to oil the wheels of life, and would go far to lighten the burden and smooth the path of wayfarers everywhere on life's highway.

In this connection a line of Barrie's may be appropriately quoted:—"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

I. C. M.



An Autumn afternoon dress that will grace any gathering is this one in wine-colour rayon crepe featuring a slightly flared skirt and full, all three-quarters sleeves.



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1 If you are tired of your high, round neckline, try altering it to a low square. Fill it in with a panel of net of contrast-coloured silk. Make the opening down the front, laced over with 1/4 in. velvet ribbon threaded criss-cross, and ending in a bow. Bind the edge of the neck too.

2 For an old V neckline cut in contrasting material, as round yoke, opening up the back with a coloured plaster zip fastener. Gather the bodice of the dress into it.

3 You can make this neckline from almost any shaped old one. Bind it with velvet and finish with two clusters of bows. And play up the medieval effect with bound sleeve edges and bows.

4 If you're tired of a high plain neckline, then cut the bodice down in a V shape, buy a stiff white pique front with tailored collar to slip in, and fasten down firmly with press studs.

Suggestions For Saving Gas

THE British Commercial Gas Association makes the following suggestions which will be valuable to housewives:—

The Association reminds consumers that it is important on hearing an air raid warning to turn off all taps and pilot lights before switching off the gas supply at the main cock, and to remember to relight pilot lights, &c., when the main tap is turned on again after the "all clear" signal.

To reduce gas consumption—which is to be rationed except in special cases to three-quarters of the amount used in corresponding quarters of last year—these hints are given:—

Turn off the burners the moment you have finished with them.

Never let gas flare up round the sides of utensils; the tip of the flame should just touch the bottom of the saucepan or kettle.

Never put on more water than you actually need heated.

Points About Utensils

Keep utensils clean and dry—dirty means wasted gas.

Don't, if you can avoid it, use uncovered saucepans; they take longer to heat.

Never waste the heat above the grill when you are grilling. If you can, put a saucepan or kettle of water over the top.

Immediately a pot boils lower the gas until it is just sufficient to keep it boiling.

Make one gas ring simmer several pots. If you put the browning sheet from the oven over one ring on the hot-plate you will be able to keep several saucepans hot on it.

You can manage with less hot water in your bath and wash basin.

Never run a hot water tap unnecessarily, and do not let hot water taps drip. A dripping tap wastes gas.

Scrape plates and wipe cutlery before washing up; you'll need less hot water because there will be less grease.

Turn your fires off and on as you wish so as not to waste fuel. Never leave a gas fire burning when it is not needed.

Always lower the fire as soon as the room has warmed up.

Don't try economise with the gas refrigerator. A refrigerator uses very little gas and it saves so much food waste that it will be a valuable help to you.

Use the oven of the gas cooker well. For example, when you are roasting meat and potatoes you put in two pies in the cooler part of the oven. One pie can be served hot with the meat you are preparing, the other can be served cold next day.

When the joint is taken out of the oven put in a milk pudding to cook, or a casserole containing bones, &c., to prepare stock. And remember you can cook a whole dinner over gas ring if you have a three-tiered or four-tiered steamer.

Lace In The Home

A FEW years ago lace was rarely thought of beyond curtains where the attractive details of home furnishing were concerned. To-day there is hardly any department of house decoration in which British lace does not figure.

American women have given a definite lead to British housewives in the use of lace tablecloths. Probably eight out of every ten housewives there use lace cloths in tones ranging from oyster to deep muslin for breakfast, luncheon, and dinner.

When cloths are not in use they have sets of "shawls"—the American name for a lace runner—with matching table-mats. These are made in a rectangular shape large enough for dinner plate, drinking glass, knives, forks, and spoons to rest upon them.

On the central runner are placed a vase of flowers or a posy bowl, condiments, and butter. It is smart nowadays to place several small vases of flowers in a row.

Lace tablecloths do not crease after they have been used once—a great advantage.

Two forms of lace net bedspreads are popular. The patterned lace spread and the spread made of plain or patterned lace net and draped over coloured blankets.

Wall lights and dressing-table lamps have had special lace shades planned for them. A single floral design for each shade lamp shade, clipped neatly on to an electric candle is effective in parchment colour against a parchment painted wall.

They give a soft and mellow light to dinner table and an air of elegance to a drawingroom.

SHORT CUTS

RUBBER bathroom mat may come rather shabby and soiled after a few weeks wear and tear, but they can be successfully renovated if treated like this:—First brush to remove all surface dust, then wash with carpet soap, and rinse in cold water.

If a bedside clock ticks loudly, cover it with a glass tumbler, and time can still be seen without the clock being heard.

When a stocking begins to ladder, apply a drop of liquid nail polish to the bottom of the run, and it will go no further.



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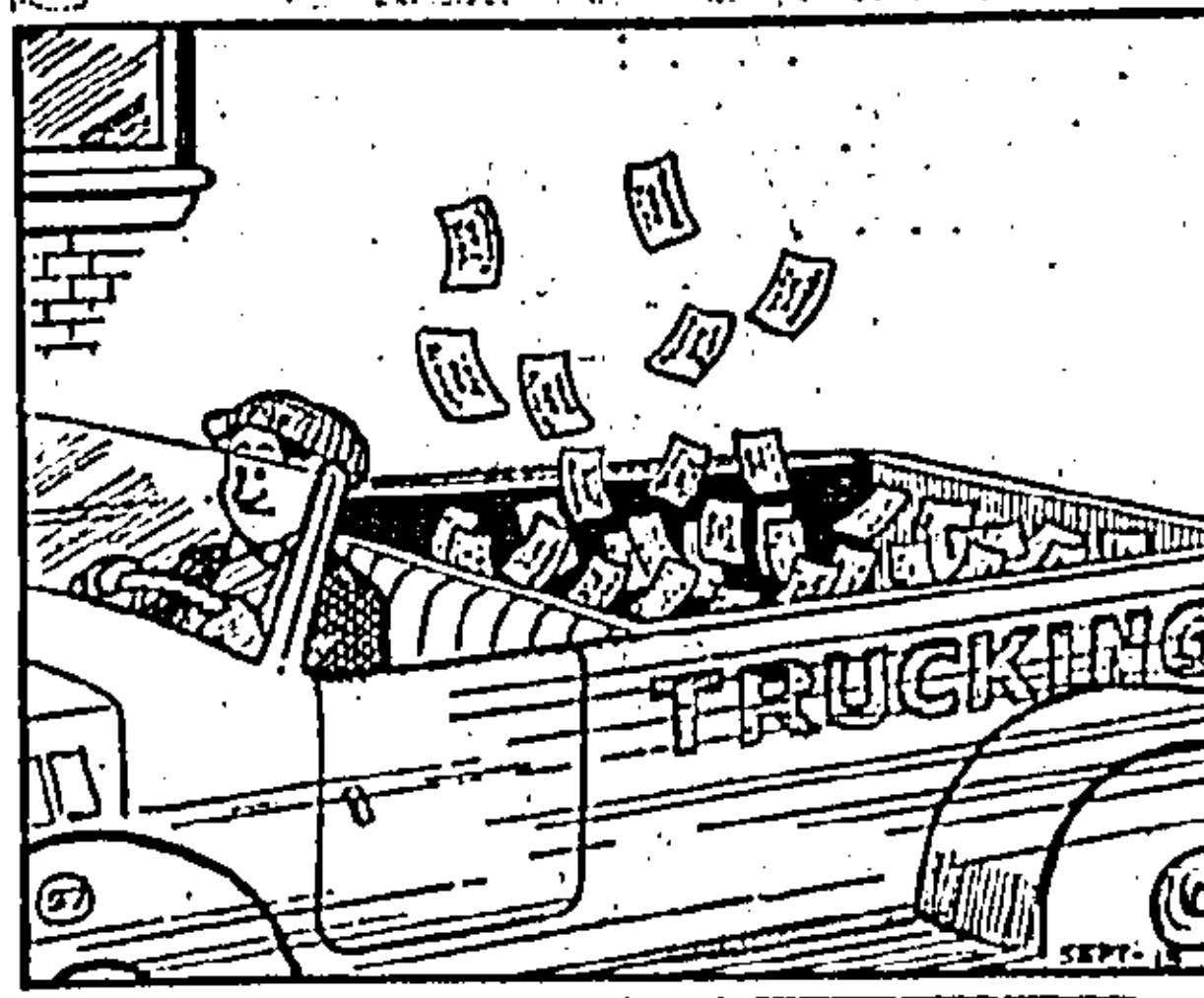
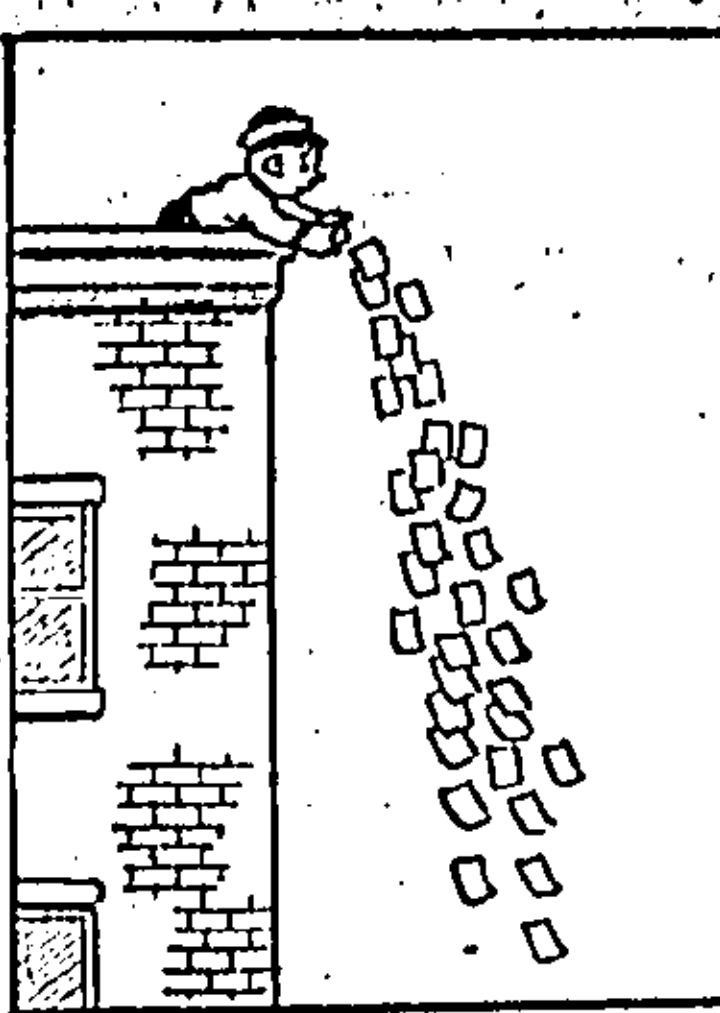
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LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The Donaldson Atlantic Line, owners of the ill-fated Athenia, have sent \$5,300 to Mr. Joseph Kennedy, U.S. Ambassador in London, as contribution towards the cost of taking home the American survivors.

The Athenia was sunk by a Nazi U-boat just after the war broke out. Out of the Athenia's 300-American passengers, 20 lost their lives.

Mr. Kennedy to-day praised the Company's action very highly, and also praised the assistance given by the people of Galway and Glasgow, where the survivors were landed, as well as the British Government.

U.S. Planes Ready For England

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—Aerodromes in California have now a large number of aeroplanes ready for delivery to the Royal Air Force should, and as soon as, the Arms Embargo clause in the Neutrality Act be raised.

They are already camouflaged, and in the event of the embargo being raised will be flown to New Jersey, and thence to England.

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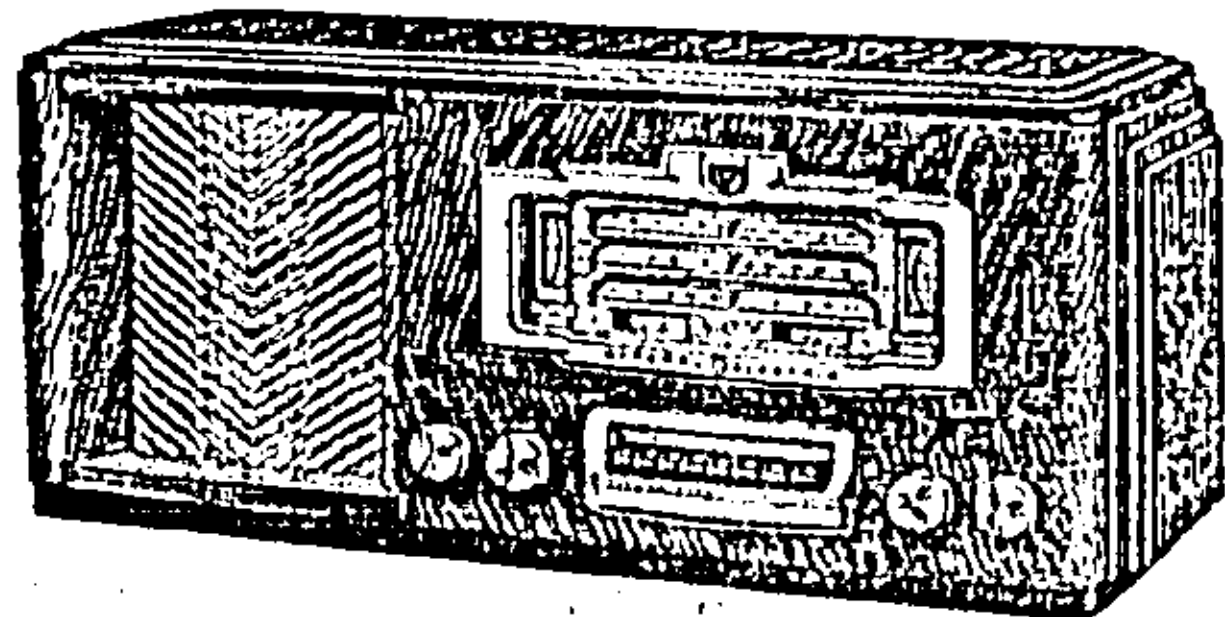
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Artificial Leg Arrives Here By Air

Among the freight which arrived from England by the Imperial Airways liner Denebola yesterday was an artificial leg.

Rushed across the world by air, the artificial leg is for a patient in Hongkong, whose leg has been amputated. Wearers of artificial legs in the East regularly send them to England for maintenance. One wearer in India, who regularly sends his leg to London is a keen golfer and sportsman.

He finds the advent of air services a boon, as he is not separated from his beloved golf for more than about a fortnight. Formerly he had to wait a few months until his leg was returned by sea.

Eiffel Tower Goes Into Khaki

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The famous Eiffel Tower is going into khaki during the next fortnight. Eighty-thousand tons of khaki paint will be used in an attempt to make the famous tower less conspicuous.

The fourth highest in the world, the Eiffel Tower is 1,000 feet high.

Clipper Departure

We have been asked to point out that the Californian Clipper, which is scheduled to carry 30 passengers on her next flight from Hongkong, which is a record—will leave on Thursday morning of this week, and not Friday, as stated in our morning contemporary.

India's Pilots Want to Join Up

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—No less than 97 per cent. of India's licensed air pilots want to join the Indian Air Force reserve.

This was revealed as the result of a questionnaire sent out to all pilots with current or expired licences. Some of the pilots want to serve overseas and most of the replies included expressions of loyalty to the Empire.

CHIANG'S STIRRING APPEAL

To Young Students

CHENGDU, Oct. 16, (Reuter).—A stirring appeal to the youth of China was made this morning by General Chiang Kai-shek when he addressed a large gathering of students, representing various Chinese universities, and cadets of the Central Military Academy.

Headed by flags of their respective universities, the students paraded in brilliant sunshine before the Generalissimo at the Central Military Academy.

Country's Strength
General Chiang said: "Our country's strength lies in noble youth and true citizens. In the face of Japanese aggression, each student must resolve to do his part in the salvation of his country and to make China independent and free by helping to put into effect the People's Three Principles."

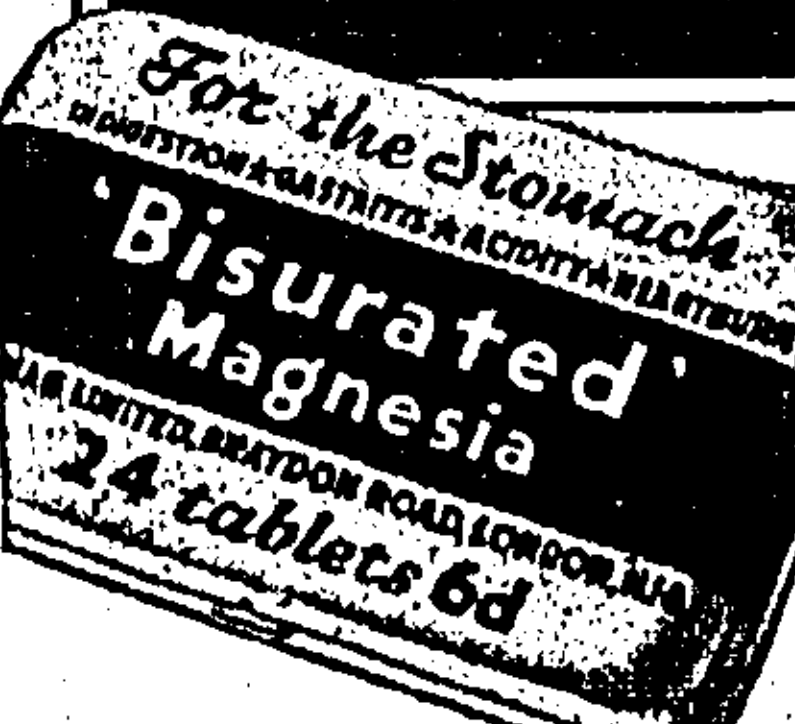
"As the soldiers at the front are sacrificing themselves to free China from cruelty and oppression, so each citizen must determine to show a like spirit of sacrifice, thus wiping out the country's disgrace."

The whole gathering then read aloud with the Generalissimo the 12 principles and the ten commandments for Party members and soldiers.

Need For Mutual Help
General Chiang especially emphasised the need for mutual help. He said: "If everyone, old and young, rich and poor, tries in his own circle to help others, China will never again be a sheet of sand, but will be closely knit and therefore strong. One of China's weaknesses in the past has been the selfishness of so many people to seek their own good rather than that of their comrades and country."

Finally the Generalissimo stressed the need for cadets, during their manoeuvres, to be courteous to the people in the country and to be careful not to injure their property.

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SEQUEL TO RAPE: APPEAL DISMISSED Conviction Of Indian To Stand, Says Court

APPLICATION for leave to appeal was refused by the Court of Appeal composed of Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser, this morning, in the case in which an Indian watchman named Bahadur Khan was convicted of rape and sentenced to 18 months' hard labour at the last sessions.

Khan was convicted of raping a 55-year-old widow, Lau Chung, near the Deep Water Bay Golf Course on July 12.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appeared for Khan and Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant-Crown Solicitor, was for the Crown.

The grounds of appeal were that the corroborative evidence, amounting almost to absence of it, in spite of which the jury convicted.

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Mr. Abbott replied that there was little or no corroborative evidence in spite of which the jury convicted. He pointed out that the Court would not interfere where a jury's verdict was based on evidence which the jury found to be sufficient.

Mr. Chen, replying, said he was not asking the court to upset the finding of the jury, but to be given the opportunity of stating his case as a whole.

Mr. Justice Lindsell: Before we give you leave, you must deal with the case raised by my learned brother in which it is stated that the evidence of the prosecutrix need not in law be corroborated at all. You started off by stressing the necessity for corroboration.

Proceeding His Lordship said Mr. Chen was bound to substantiate his grounds of appeal as set out in his notice of appeal and if he could not do that the court could not grant leave to appeal.

Judge's Question
Mr. Justice Fraser: You have not shown us there was no case to go to the jury, nor that no reasonable jury would convict. What is wrong with the jury's verdict?

Mr. Chen: The jury decided there was corroboration when in fact there was no corroboration.

Mr. Abbott: My friend is now arguing that the learned judge misdirected the jury. I don't see any such ground of appeal.

Mr. Chen: I am not making that statement. I am only dealing with the adequacy of the warning that there was paucity of corroboration.

Mr. Justice Fraser (referring to the case of Rex vs. Crocker): I tried to bring to your notice at the beginning of the hearing that this is a case of tainted evidence, but the judge was trying to bring to the notice of the jury that this was a case of tainted evidence.

Mr. Chen: In sex cases the old law has demanded for centuries in practice that the evidence of the prosecutrix shall be corroborated.

Mr. Justice Fraser: That does not agree with Crocker, and Crocker is good law.

Mr. Chen: It is in its proper circumstances.

Judgment Delivered
Giving judgment Mr. Justice Lindsell said: "We are satisfied that leave must be refused. The appeal is based on two grounds. Firstly, there was not sufficient corroboration of the prosecutrix story, and secondly, that the verdict was against the weight of evidence. We cannot see that either of the grounds has been substantiated."

"The Crocker case seems to be clear authority for the proposition where at any rate there is no question of consent on the part of the woman involved that in sexual offences corroboration of her evidence is strictly not necessary. But here in fact there was some corroboration. The trial judge gave a warning to the jury which we must assume to have been properly given."

"We fail to see how it can possibly be said that the verdict was against the weight of evidence. The woman's story although in some ways unlikely, was complete and was to some small extent corroborated. The jury saw and heard the witnesses and despite the warning given to them, they must have believed her. In such circumstances the court will not interfere."

MOST GERMANS STILL DON'T KNOW THE TRUTH

(Continued from Page 4.)

tages in a contest of endurance. We have not made that mistake. The final toning-up of our sinews is still going on.

The first real strain on the martial temper of the Germans came when they finished with Poland, they brought forward the question of peace."

Our refusal to make peace on any terms but the evacuation of Polish territory has shaken the complacency with which the German man-in-the-street has followed the Fuhrer's hitherto uninterrupted series of successes.

Then, with Britain and France getting steadily stronger while Germany's power begins to decline; and with more and more neutral States adhering to the cause of the "manifest" future conquerors, the process of wearing down German resistance will go on until one day, like a steel girder eaten through with rust, it snaps—as it did last time.

At present, the fact that the only missiles which have fallen in the interior of Germany are pamphlets is represented to the German people as a symptom of Britain's fear that military action might provoke the German forces to retaliation.

This unexpectedly gradual entry into war conditions has, however, great advantages for us. In untroubled safety and perfect weather all our preparations have been completed, so that, when the war suddenly enters on the intensive phase which must inevitably come, we shall have done everything possible to meet it.

Meanwhile, it is a privilege to be members of a nation which is fully informed of what is going on, instead of being hoodwinked and blinkered like the Germans.

We, at least, are able to grasp the full significance of the historic times through which we are living now.

M. Maisky Sees Lord Halifax

LONDON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—It is learned that Mr. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, had an interview with Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Minister, this afternoon.

It is understood that the resumption of economic negotiations was touched upon.

German-Yugoslav Trade Protocol

BERLIN, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—The German-Yugoslav Trade Protocol was signed in Belgrade to-day. On the German side, measures will be taken to ensure, even under present circumstances, payment for Yugoslav exports and supply German goods.

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Philippine Commissioner Arriving Here To-morrow

HIGH Commissioner Francis B. Sayre, who will arrive here to-morrow en route to become President Roosevelt's representative in the Philippine Islands, will head a new administration absorbed with economic rather than political relations, according to authoritative indications in Washington.

Commissioner Sayre, once son-in-law of the late President Woodrow Wilson, has emphasized that any change in political relations between the Philippines and the United States was purely a matter for Philippine initiative.

The programme of political independence for the Philippines, scheduled for July 4, 1946, will proceed unless the Philippine people indicate a desire to reopen the question, Sayre said.

With a background of training in law, diplomacy, and economics, which culminated in his five-year tenure as Assistant Secretary of State, Sayre is expected to interest himself primarily with the economic rather than the political future of the Philippines.

This 51-year old economist-diplomat will provide a sharp contrast with his predecessor as High Commissioner, the picturesque, colourful Paul V. McNutt, now a presidential aspirant, who vigorously projected the idea of permanent United States sovereignty over the Philippines under a "dominion status" arrangement.

McNutt's vocal advocacy of "realistic re-examination" of Philippine independence gave the political issue a tremendous currency, which still persists, despite McNutt's retirement from his Philippine post.

The handsome former commissioner has indicated that he will continue to advocate Philippine retention in his capacity as a private citizen, and, incidentally, as a presidential candidate.

Quiet, soft-spoken Commissioner Sayre, however, while he is said to incline somewhat toward McNutt's general appraisal of the Philippine situation, has stated definitely that the political question of independence is a closed matter, unless the Filipinos themselves choose to bring it up.

Sayre, on the contrary, will devote himself to the execution and supervision of a programme that has already been formulated into law—the Tydings-McDuffie Philippine Independence Act, which projects an economic programme whose critical years are still ahead.

It was Sayre's father-in-law, President Wilson, who gave the Philippine independence programme its first great impetus in 1910 when the first law contemplating eventual independence status was enacted. Incidentally, although Sayre is consistently referred to as a Wilson son-in-law, the first Mrs. Sayre, favourite daughter of the great wartime President of the United States, died in 1933, and Sayre has since remarried.

The Tydings-McDuffie Act contemplated a 5-year period of economic preparation for independence, based on the gradual adjustment of Philippine export trade to non-dependence on the free American market.

This was to be accomplished by a gradually increasing export tax on Philippine products destined for the American market.

With 35 percent of Philippine exports annually scheduled for American consumption, the task of economic adjustment was conceived as the most important aspect of independence.

Comparatively huge sums of money, averaging almost \$50,000 a year, were to be made available through excise tax refunds for "adjustment" purposes. The Philippine government was to "adjust" the nation's industries to a point where they could either compete in the American market on a full-duty basis or be liquidated in favour of other more self-sustaining industries.

Thus far, according to economic observers, little has been done in the Philippines in behalf of this programme. At the last session of



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Congress a bill of major amendments to the Philippine independence act was passed in "rush" the shock of the proposed export taxes.

Commissioner Sayre, who played a leading role in the formulation and enactment of these amendments, is deeply interested in the entire economic adjustment program.

He is said to have a sounder and more comprehensive grasp of all the economic angles of this programme than any other American official.

He conceives as his mission in the Philippines the task of guiding and advising the Philippine government on the launching and execution of the economic adjustment measures which he helped to formulate.

As a long-time professor of international law at Harvard University, and as assistant secretary of State in charge of trade agreements, Sayre has a long and imposing record of experience in national trade adjustment matters.

Although he is not particularly a man of dynamic appeal or trained in brilliant political leadership, Sayre's quiet persuasive diplomacy and facility in dealing with economic problems is expected to give new force to the quest for a solution to the riddle of Philippine-American economic relations.—United Press.

Armistice Day As Usual In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation declaring November 11 is to be observed as usual in the United States as Armistice Day.

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Ablong was arrested on Saturday, and admitted having stolen \$50 Canadian currency from a boarder in the Man On Boarding House by pretending he was a Chinese detective.

He was remanded until to-day to refund the stolen money, but was unable to do so.

Det.-Sgt. J. Forrest prosecuted.

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